Board meet 4th Monday in May. Ref. Syn. June 1819

Board meet 2d Wednesday July

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Board

of

Superintendants

1812

The Board of Superintendents of the Theological School of the Reformed Dutch Church met at the House of Jacob R Hardenbergh in New Brunswick on the 28th of Septr 1812

Present

The Revd J. V. Romeyn
J. Sickles
P. Labagh
C. C. Cuyler
J. Schureman
J. M. Bradford

Opened with prayer by the Revd J. V. Romeyn.
The Revd J. V. C. Romeyn was chosen President, & the Revd J. M Bradford Secretary. —

On motion Resolved, That the Professors be notified that the Board of Superintendents have met & organized, and are ready to proceed to business

Adjourned to meet to morrow at 10 Clock P. M. — Closed with Prayer —

Septr 29. 1812 —

The Board met according to adjournment, & was opened with prayer by the President —

Present — J. V. C. Romeyn
C. C. Cuyler
J. Schureman
P. Low
M. Ettinge
J. J. Cannon
P. Labagh
J. Sickles & J. M. Bradford

The Revd John M. Van Harlingen informed the Board, that he was not yet prepared to give an answer to the appointment of Synod to the Professorship of the Hebrew language, but was willing to instruct and Ecclesiastical History, but was willing to instruct such as chose to attend him. Therefore

Resolved

That Mr. Van Harlingen be, & he is hereby appointed by this Board temporarily to perform the duties of a Professor of the Hebrew Language & of Ecclesiastical History.

Mr Sickles was appointed to examine the remains of the Library of the late Mr. Ritzma take a catalogue of the books, & lay it before the next meeting of this Board.

Resolved, That the President & Mr Schureman be appointed a Committee to obtain from the Special Treasurer of the Synod an amount of all the monies collected in the year 1812, in all the churches, for the benefit of the Theological School, Students & Library, & report at the next meeting of this Board.

The President was appointed to preach the sermon at the next meeting of the Board.

Resolved - That Messrs Cannon, Schureman & Kabagh be a Committee to prepare rules for the internal regulation of this Board, & report at the next meeting.

Adjourned to meet in the College Hall in the city of New Brunswick on the last Wednesday in April 1813, at 10 O'Clock A.M.

Closed with prayer.

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Professoral Hall New Brunswick Apr. 20. 1813

The Board met according to adjournment — Present —

James S. Cannon
Peter Labagh
Wilhelmus Eltinge
Cornelius C. Cuyler
John M Bradford &
John Schureman —

The Minutes of the last meeting were read & approved —

The President being absent, Mr Schureman was called to the chair, & the meeting was opened with prayer by Professor Livingston —

Upon Motion Resolved — That the Board immediately proceed to the Examination of the Students in the Theological School —

The following persons appeared as Students of the Theological School, when Professor Livingston proceeded to their examination, viz

Robert Bronk who had been a Student for	1 - 2 - 3 years
Peter S. Wynkoop	1 - 2 - 3 do
James Murphy	1 - 2 - do
Staats Van Santvoord	1 - 2 - do
Cornelius Frederick Vermule	1 - 2 - do
Richard Sluyter	1 - - - year

Nicholas Marselis - - - - - - - - - - 1 - - do

Abraham Wilson - - - - - - - - - - 1 - - do

After some progress, the examination was suspended till the afternoon -

The Revd John M Vanharlingen informed the Board that he accepted the Professorship of the Hebrew language, & would temporarily teach in Ecclesiastical History -

In consequence of the absence of the President Doctr Bradford was requested to preach the sermon this evening

Adjourned till 3 O'Clock P.M.

Closed with Prayer -

Professoral Hall 3 O'Clock P.M. - The Board met & was opened with prayer by the President

The Committee appointed to obtain from the special Treasurer of Gen Synod the amount of all the money collected in the year 1812, in all the churches for the benefit of the Theological School, Students & Library, Reported

That in obedience to the resolution of the Board, they have written to the Treasurer, & that from his answer it appeared that the sum of $141. 8 paid to him by Doctr Bradford from the congregation of Albany, & $308. 92c collected by the church in New York, amounting in the whole to $450, is all that he has at present in his hands

Information was also

communicated to the Board that the further sum of $178 had been collected which was not yet transmitted to the Special Treasurer —

Resolved — That Messrs Cannon, Ettinge, & Schuerman be a Standing Committee to draw on the Treasurer of the Board of Trustees for money to assist indigent Students —

Resolved that the sum of one hundred dollars be put at the disposal of said Committee —

Resolved that Messrs Bradford & Cuyler be a committee to confer with Dr Livingston upon the purchase of Books for the Theological Library & that one hundred dollars be put at their disposal, to be expended in obtaining such books as may be more immediately necessary for the school —

The Examination of the Students was resumed & concluded as far as relates to the whole theological college —

Resolved That the Students Mr Wynkoop, & Robert Brook, to morrow produce to this board, each a discourse or sermon — Resolved that each of the other students produce a discourse or sermon to this Board at their meeting in the month of September next.

Resolved That this Board are satisfied with the examination of the Students, & that the President express our satisfaction to them — Adjourned to meet at 9 O'clock to morrow morning

Closed with Prayer —

Thursday Morning 9 O'Clock

The Board met and was opened with prayer by the President.

Pursuant to the resolution of yesterday, P. Wynkoop & Robert Monk read and laid on the table each a sermon, with which the Board expressed their satisfaction.

The examination of P. Wynkoop & Robert Monk was resumed & finally closed. Ordered

That the President express to the Professor the high satisfaction of the Board of Superintendants, with the progress & attainments of Peter Wynkoop & Robert Monk

Ordered - That an authentic copy of the above minute be given to each of the above named persons to be presented to the Classis to which they may apply for licensure.

Resolved That the thanks of this Board be presented to Doctor Maclean for his sermon preached last evening & that a copy be requested for publication

Resolved that money to defray the expense of the above publication be drawn from the fund for the Library, & that the profits arising from the sale be appropriated to the same fund.

Resolved, That Mr Ruyter be appointed to

preach the sermon, in case the President should be absent, at the next meeting of this Board.

Ordered. That the Committee to draft by Laws be continued, & that they report at the next meeting.

Ordered That the President [illegible] on the Treasurer of the Board of Trustees for the sum of two dollars, for the purchase of a Book in which to record the proceedings of this Board.

Resolved that the Revd John Schureman be appointed the Stated Clerk of this Board.

The minutes were read & approved.

Closed with prayer.

The Board of Superintendants held their annual meeting in the Reformed Dutch Church New Brunswick on the 28th day of Septr 1813

Present — The Revd James T. C. Romeyn
" Jacob Hickley
John [illegible]
" Cornelius C. Cuyler
" James S. Cannon
" Wilhelmus Eltinge
" John M. Bradford

The meeting was opened with prayer by the President.

Adjourned to meet to Morrow Morning at 11 O'clock — Closed with Prayer —

At 11 O'Clock the 29th of Sept 1813 The Board met pursuant to adjournment & was opened with prayer.

Members Present as yesterday with the addition of the Revd Peter Labagh

By order the minutes of the last session were read -

The Revd Mr Cuyler, according to appointment, preached a sermon last evening from Ezek III: 17th "Son of man I have made thee a Watchman unto the house of Israel"

The Committee appointed to prepare rules for the internal regulation of this Board, were called upon to report; but asked further time

Resolved that further time be granted -

The Committee appointed to procure Books to the amount of one hundred dollars, Report That they had for that sum purchased the following Books which are deposited in the Library viz -

Josephus Works	3 Vol
Guise's Paraphrase	6 Vol
Stackhouse Histy of the Bible -	6 Vol
Shuckford's Connections	4 Vol
Redcax Connections	4 Vol
Mosheim -	6 Vol
Magee on Atonement	1 Vol
~~Beosobre~~ Beausobre & L'Enfant -	1 Vol

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Campbell Lectures — 1 Vol
Drew on the Resurrection — 1 Vol
Stillingfleet Origines sacræ 2 Vol

Resolved that the above report be approved.

Resolved that a Librarian be appointed, & instructed to report to this Board at their next meeting a complete Catalogue of all the books in the Theological Library, distinguishing between those which have been purchased, & those which have been received as donations.

Resolved — That the Revd John Schureman be, & he is hereby appointed Librarian.

Resolved — That Messrs Bradford & Schureman be a Committee to enquire of the Special Treasurer of General Synod what monies are in his hands, subject to the disposition of this Board.

The Board then adjourned to meet at 4 O'Clock P.M.
Closed with Prayer by Professor Livingston

4 O'Clock P.M. The Board met and was opened with prayer by the President.

Messrs Vermule, Van Santvoord & Sluyter who were in Brunswick, laid on the table each a discourse which were inspected by the Board.

Resolved

That the Resident draw on the Special Treasurer of Genl Synod for twenty one dollars, for the purchase by Doctor Bradford of three copies of the Hebrew Bible & one quarto copy in Greek of the New Testament for the Theological Library

Resolved That the Resident draw on the Special Treasurer of Genl Synod for one hundred and twelve dollars for the purpose of defraying the expense of printing one thousand copies of Doctor Bradford's Sermon

Adjourned till to morrow morning 9 o'Clock — Closed with Prayer

Thursday Morning 9 o'Clock

The Board met at Mr [illegible] pursuant to adjournment — Present Revd Messrs Schureman, Cannon, [illegible] Labach & Cuyler — Opened with prayer by Mr Schureman.

The Resident & Clerk being absent Mr Schureman was appointed Resident & Mr Cuyler Clerk protem. — The minutes were read —

The Standing Committee appointed to draw on the Treasurer of the Board of Trustees for money to assist indigent [illegible], made the

following report — That the sum of one hun-
dred dollars which had been subjected to their dis-
position by a vote of the Board of Superintendants
has all been appropriated to the assistance of
[illegible] Sharpe. The propriety of the above
[illegible] perceived when
the Committee [illegible] the Board [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] expenses before the con-
[illegible] [illegible] session. —

Resolved — That two hun-
dred dollars be put at the disposition of the
Standing Committee, for the assistance of indi-
gent students. —

Resolved — That the Lieut. Mr Cannon
be appointed to preside at the Spring Meeting
[illegible] the President shall be absent or un-
[illegible]. —

Whereas reports unfavour-
able to the character of Mr Thos. Van Santwoord a
student in the Theological School, have been
made known to this Board.

Therefore resolved
that he be cited to appear before this Board —
Van Santwoord in obedience to the cita-

=tion of the Board appeared, & being asked whether the prevailing reports were founded in fact, ingenuously acknowledged, that he had rendered himself guilty before God of the sin of Antinuptial fornication. He professed that he had laboured under an error of conscience in supposing himself to be virtually married in the sight of God of which error he had been convinced & for which he was heartily sorry — that his mind had been much exercised on the subject that he hoped he had sincerely repented of his sin & that the hand he trusted had overruled his crime for good to him —

Upon this the Board after mature deliberation came to the following conclusion. Although we feel satisfied that Mr Van Santvoord is sincerely penitent; yet as he is a member of a public Institution, & his sin has become public, he owes public he owes public satisfaction to the Theological Seminary —

Therefore Resolved, That Mr Van Santvoord be suspended from the privileges of the Theological Seminary:

Resolved That at the end of three weeks from the commencement of the Professors

Lectures, he shall make such a Confession to a Committee of this Board, before the Theological Professor & School, as shall be satisfactory to the Committee; he shall in that case be restored to his priviledges in the Seminary —

Resolved That Messrs Cannon Shureman & Labagh be a Committee to carry into effect the above resolutions

Resolved That the Stated Clerk furnish Professor Livingston with a copy of the proceedings in the case of Mr Van Santvoord

The following motion was made & was ordered to lie on the table Resolved that a Committee be appointed to examine the credentials of persons who desire to enter the Theological School —

The Minutes were read & approved

Adjourned to meet in the City of New York on the last Tuesday in October next —

Closed with Prayer

Casting Room — New York November 3rd 1813

The Board [illegible] and was opened with prayer by the President —

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Present

Rev'd J. V. C. Romeyn
Jas Cannon
Peter Labagh
Jn Schureman
Wilh. [illegible] Ellinge

The Minutes of the last meeting read & approved —

The Clerk being absent the Rev'd Wilhelmus Ellinge was appointed Clerk P.T.

The Professor of Hebrew having been removed by death on motion it was resolved — That the Rev'd Peter Fleddi[illegible] be appointed Teacher of Hebrew untill the next meeting of Genl Synod in June 1814 —

Adjourned to meet again in the City of New Brunswick on the last Tuesday in May A.D. 1814

Closed with Prayer

The Board met according to adjournment in New Brunswick on Tuesday the 31st of May 1814

Present

Revd James Cannon
" John Schureman
" Wilhelmus Eltinge
" John M Bradford
" Peter Labagh

The President being absent Mr Eltinge was appointed President and opened the meeting with prayer —

The minutes of the last stated & extraordinary meetings were read —

The Committee appointed on the case of Mr Van Santvoord, report, that they have received from him, in the presence of the [illegible] such acknowledgements of his guilt and such evidences of his contrition as were satisfactory both to the committee & the Professor, and have accordingly restored him to his standing in the [illegible] —

Mr Jacob Van Vlanten to whom a dispensation was granted in 1812 to prosecute his studies in the Theological Seminary of the Associate Reformed Church, presented himself before the board and requested an examination, and it appearing from the printed documents of the Synod that he had passed through the

usual course of study in that seminary, it was

Resolved That he be admitted to an examination before this Board — The Board accordingly proceeded to the examination of the following Students

Cornelius C. Vermule James Murphy Stuart Van Santvoort	who have studied 3 years
Richard Sluyter Nicholas Marsalier Abraham Wilson	[illegible]
Isaiah G. Johnston William R. Bogardus Eva Neil Cornelius Ellinge Jacob Shultze	who have studied 1 year

and after having made some progress adjourned to 3 O'Clock

3 O'Clock in the Afternoon opened with prayer, and then proceeded in the examination. After progress made through the system of Divinity, the President was ordered to express the satisfaction of the Board to the Students of the 3rd & 2nd years, for the manner in which they had acquitted themselves and to direct each of them to lay on the table or prepare against September next a sermon for the inspection of the Superin[illegible]ts

The Students who had completed their 3rd Year viz Cornelius Vermule, James Murphy, & Staats Van Santvoord, together with Jacob Van Vechten from the Seminary of Associate Reformed Church were further examined on the Hebrew Language and each read a sermon before the Board

Resolved That the examination of Cornelius Vermule, James Murphy, Staats Van Santvoord and Jacob Van Vechten be sustained, and that they be recommended to Professor Livingston for a Certificate which may admit them to examination for Licensure before their Attractive Classes

Resolved further That a copy of the above resolution be furnished to each of the gentlemen therein named

Adjourned to meet to Morrow Morning at 9 O'Clock — Concluded with Prayer —

June 1st 9 O'Clock A.M.

The Board met according to adjournment & was opened with prayer —

The Revd Mr Cannon according to appointment preached the sermon last evening from Genl 14.14.15.16

Resolved That Messrs Schureman, Cannon, & Labagh be appointed a committee, in connexion with Professor Livingston, to receive applications for admission into the Theological School

Resolved That the Students of Divinity be allowed the privilege during the vacation

of using the Hebrew Books in the Library, upon giving security for their return in good order

Resolved, That Messrs Schneeman, Labagh and Bradford be a Committee to draft a report to Gen. Synod at their next meeting concerning the Theological School –

Resolved, That the Monies arising from the sale of Dr Bradfords Sermon be paid into the hands of the Librarian of the Theological School

Adjourned to meet in the Consistory Room at Albany on Thursday the 9th of June Instant, at 11 o'clock A. M.

Closed with Prayer –

New York – June 10th – 1814

The Board met and was opened with prayer –

The Committee appointed to draft a report to be made to Gen. Synod presented the following, which was adopted

"The Board of Superintendants of the Theological School, in conformity with the rule of Gen. Synod, beg leave to make their report.

The first meeting of the Board was held in Sept. 1812, when it was organized by the choice of officers, but no business of importance transacted except the appointment of the Rev. John M Van Harlingen as temporary Instructor in the Hebrew Language

& Ecclesiastical History —

In April 1813 the Board met & proceeded to the examination of the students. These were eight in number, of different standings from one to three years. Two of these were furnished with certificates for licensure, & the rest continued in the school. At this meeting the Revd Mr Van Harlingen announced his acceptance of the Professorship of the Hebrew Language & his willingness to teach Ecclesiastical History. One hundred dollars were appropriated to the relief of Indigent students, & one hundred to the purchase of Books, out of a moiety of the monies raised by collection.

The Board again met in Septr 1813 and appointed a Librarian, having received a considerable number of books by donation & purchase. Twenty one dollars were appropriated for Hebrew Bibles, & two hundred more were put at the disposition of the Committee for the assistance of Indigent students. The Professor of Hebrew having been removed by death, in November 1813, the Revd Dr Rudd Stedford was appointed Teacher of Hebrew untill the present meeting of Synod. On the 21st of May the Board met for the purpose of attending to the annual examination. They found eleven students in the School, five of the first year, three of the second year, & three of three years standing. Mr Jacob Van Richten also presented his [illegible] as having passed through the course of study in the seminary of the Associate Reformed Church under a dispensation of Genl Synod, & requested to be examined for the purpose of obtaining the regular

Professoral certificate. The School was examined ; and Messrs Cornelius Vermule, Staats Van Santvoord, James Murphy, together with Jacob Van Vechten, were recommended to Professor Livingston, for a certificate which might admit them to ~~licensure~~ to an examination for licensure before their respective classes. A committee was appointed at this meeting to superintend the admission of Students into the Theological School. Many subjects of minor importance have received the attention of the Board, the details of which may be seen in the minutes, but are not worthy of repetition in this report. The can only say generally, that they have endeavoured faithfully to execute the duties assigned them, by preaching examinations & ciplines, and appropriation of the funds committed to their care for the support of indigent students, & the acquisition of a Library. By donation & purchase of elementary, Standard works, and others, it is presumed there are upwards 200 Volumes in the Library.

Since the [illegible] of the School at New Brunswick, seven young Gentlemen have been fitted for the ministry, (eight including Van Vechten) and eight remain in the school, with the prospect of some addition. The Board have been highly gratified with the Professors mode of instruction, with the several examinations of the Students & especially with the acquisitions of those who have been recommended for licensure. They promise under the blessing of God, to be highly respectable and

useful in the church. But they have to lament that some very important branches of a Theological education cannot be pursued with all desirable advantage, on account of deficiency in the contemplated number of Professors. Professor Livingston, for his faithfulness and diligence, deserves the gratitude of the Church & Synod; but the duties are too extensive and various for one Person and even if he were willing to undertake them, the relief of his aged and venerable teacher — the plan of the School — its respectability and usefulness together with the reputation and interests of the Church at large, require the establishment of at least another Professorship. Towards this object, the Board has learned, from the Trustees of Queen's College, the Consistory of the Church in Albany has resolved to give $750 a year, for six years, & the Consistory of the Church in New Brunswick $200 a year for the same time upon condition that other churches will [illegible] proportionably to the same object. Could some of our endowed churches be induced to aid with their substance in this pious design and establish a Professorship, which should embrace the Hebrew Language, Biblical criticism, & Ecclesiastical History, the School would present to the church all reasonable advantage for an adequate education for the Gospel Ministry, & be established on a foundation which would invite the confidence & promote the welfare of our Zion.

After this statement of their proceedings, & the operations, wants & present state of the School, the Board conclude with respectfully

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urging on the attention of Synod, the adoption of measures for the establishment and support of a second Professorship" –

Signed W. Ritzinge [illegible] President

Resolved – that the Revd [illegible] be appointed to preside at the next meeting of the Board, provided the President be absent.

Adjourned – Closed with Prayer

[illegible]

[illegible] Thorne –

[illegible]

[illegible] meeting [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] Committee [illegible]

[illegible] subjected to [illegible]

vote of the Board on the [illegible] and [illegible]

been [illegible] nominated to the [illegible]

Murphy

Resolved [illegible]

be directed [illegible]

[illegible] dollars [illegible]

remanding, delicately intimate to him that in case he should at any time find it convenient and agreeable to refund one hundred dollars of the aforesaid sum, for the assistance of other students who may be in circumstances to require aid that the Board will be willing to receive it.—

A letter was received from Richard Sluyter, requesting of the Board to remit the sum of [illegible] four dollars of the monies collected for assisting Sergent students, promising to refund the same as soon as convenient.—

Whereupon

Resolved that the Committee appointed for assisting Indian students, be authorized to grant his request, [illegible] from the Board of the [illegible] the Board of [illegible], that [illegible] monies in his hands subject to the [illegible].

Owing to [illegible] circumstances [illegible] was [illegible] at the opening of [illegible] of the Board — [illegible] that [illegible] of the [illegible] to preach [illegible] of the [illegible], in case the [illegible] or absent, be continued.—

Resolved, that the sum of one hundred dollars [illegible] of the $64 appropriated to Mr Sluyter [illegible] at the disposal of the Committee for [illegible] Student.—

Adjourned to meet again in [illegible] the third Sunday in May next at [illegible] A.M. in the Theological Hall

Theological Hall 16th May 1815

The Board met & was opened with prayer by Mr Schureman who in the absence of the President was called to the chair

Members Present

The Revd Mess John Schureman, C. Cuyler, Wilhelmus Ellinge, Doctor Broadford & Peter Lubagh —

The Minutes were read & approved

The Committee appointed to receive applications for admission into the Theological School reported. That in execution of the trust reposed in them they attended at Professor Livingston's after the opening of his last course of lectures, and having in connexion with him examined and approved the documents of the following young Gentlemen viz Isaac Wyckoff, Frederick Vermule, John Sexton, John Bartis, Samuel Van Vranken, *John Swarthout, & Peter Vanzandt agreed to admit them to a standing in the Theological School. The last named Gentleman viz Peter Vanzandt, the Committee agreed to admit however on the express condition that he should continue to prosecute his studies in the ~~[illegible]~~ Literary Institution untill he shall have completed his Senior year. —

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* Mr Swarthout departed this life in the faith of the gospel, & with an assured hope of eternal life through the merits of the Lord Jesus. The death of this truly excellent young Man was much lamented

Mess James Chrystie & Nicholas Jones, to whom Genl Synod granted a dispensation to pursue their studies in the Theological Seminary of the Associate Reformed Church, presented certificates of their having pursued with success the course of instruction observed in that institution — Whereupon it was Resolved that they be admitted to examination with the Theological School, before the Board of Superintendents —

The Examination then commenced & the following persons were present

Mg Richard Sluyter
Nicholas Marseilles
Abraham Wilson
} of 3 years standing

Isaiah G. Johnston
William H. Bogardus
Abra Nice
Cornelius Ettinge
Jacob Schultze
} of 2 years standing

Frederick Vermule
Isaac Wyckoff
John Ludlow
John Burtis
Jamr A. Van Vranken
& Peter Van Zandt
} of 1 years standing

& Messrs Jones and Chrystie, from the Seminary of the Associate Reformed Church —

After some progress the Board adjourned till 3 o'clock

Closed with Prayer

3 O'Clock P.M.

Met according to adjournment & opened with prayer —

Letter from the Revd Peter Lowe was received and read apologizing for [illegible] absence from a number of the meetings of the Board —

[illegible]

[illegible]

Committee for [illegible]

[illegible] of Sixty four dollars [illegible] according to [illegible]

[illegible] for the [illegible]

[illegible] requested [illegible] of one hundred & twenty [illegible]

Resolved [illegible]

[illegible]

The Examination [illegible]

[illegible] 5 O'Clock P.M.

Closed with prayer —

[illegible] 1815 —

At 9 O'Clock the [illegible]

[illegible] with prayer —

[illegible]

[illegible] gentlemen [illegible] Rutger [illegible] Schultze Hogaboom & Johnstone

The Board proceeded to the examination of Messrs Sluyter, Marseilles, Wilson, Jones & Christie upon the Hebrew language, and having received satisfaction of their proficiency in this language, the examination was closed —

Whereupon Resolved, that the examination upon the Hebrew Language be sustained & that the gentlemen be furnished with a Certificate according to the direction of general Synod —

Resolved further that Messrs Sluyter, Marseilles, Wilson, Jones & Christie be recommended to Professor Livingston for his official certificate

The Board further expresses their high satisfaction in the general proficiency of the Theological School; & from the exhibitions made of theological knowledge and sermonizing of the young gentlemen, feel a pleasure in recommending the School to the present prayers & special attention both of the Genl Synod & the church at large —

Resolved that one hundred dollars be put at the disposal of the chairman for the purchase of books for the library, whose duty it shall be to consult with the Professor concerning the most necessary and profitable works —

The Committee appointed to draft a report to Genl Synod, presented the following

The Board of Superintendents in making this annual report, have the satisfaction to announce to the General Synod that at the commence-

[illegible]

In the course of the last year two hundred & fifty dollars have been appropriated to the releif of a Student in Theology. The additional sum of one hundred dollars has been appropriated to the increase of the Library, which has also been enlarged by the donation of a number of valuable books—

The Board of Superintendents feel happy in being enabled to congratulate the Synod on the growing prosperity of the Institution, particularly in respect to the numbers of the students. Five have been recommended for licensure, including Jones & Chrystie, eleven remain in the Institution & there is hope of considerable accession. The Board however regret that there is still a great deficiency in the number of Professors & that the extensive plan of a theological education adopted by synod has not been carried into complete operation. Under a sense of these wants, feeling a desire to place the Institution on ground which will command the confidence of the churches and acting under that rule which allows them to recommend to synod such measures as they conceive adapted to the advancement of the prosperity of the Institution, they beg leave to make the following statements & recommendations

That the practice of granting dispensations to Theological Students to prosecute their

studies in other seminaries ([illegible]) is unprecedented except in the Dutch Church, and in its operation unquestionably tends to prevent the growth & prosperity of our school & the harmony of our churches. As far as this Board are enabled to judge, it can be attended with no possible advantages to the Students or churches at large. They therefore recommend that in future no dispensations on any account be granted to any of our young men to prosecute their studies in other seminaries and then return for examination in our school & licensure by our Classes.

That while the Board yeild with pleasure their highest approbation to the faithful and persevering labours of the present Professor, & think him worthy of the gratitude of the church they [illegible] that a num- [illegible] education [illegible] are [illegible] wanting, & [illegible] (if practicable) immediately to provide [illegible] more Professors to instruct in [illegible] branches. The Board are of opinion that a Minister of our church well qualified for teaching some of these branches, may be obtained for the annual sum of four or five hundred dollars in addition to his present salary, & they recommend the appointment of such person.

To meet the present and additional

experiences, the Board are sensible more exertions will be required of the Synod; and they recommend the adoption of such measures as will encourage the liberality offers of some of our churches, to secure a permanent and adequate support to all the Officers of the School. — What measures the Board presume not to dictate, but leave them to the wisdom, piety and zeal of Synod.

Signed

Jno. M. Bradford Chairman

Resolved that the above report be adopted, and a copy certified by the Clerk be presented to General Synod.

Resolved that the President, if he see cause, be authorized to call a meeting of the Board at Albany during the Session of General Synod. — Adjourned

Closed with Prayer —

Consistory Chamber New York Oct. 11 1815 —

A new appointment of Superintendants was made at the last meeting of the General Synod; viz —

Revd. Drs. John M. Bradford
Philip Milledoller
Jacob Broadhead —

Revd. Messrs. Jacob Nichols
Philip Duryea
James S. Cannon —
James V. C. Romeyn —

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Stephen N. Rowan, of whom all were present except the Revd. Jas. S. Cannon & the Revd. P. Dureya —

A quorum not appearing at New Brunswick at the stated annual meeting, a meeting was called at the abovementioned time and place —

After prayer by the formd. President the Board proceeded to the Choice of Officers — Upon counting the Ballots, it appeared that the Revd. Dr. Philip Milledoler was chosen President, the Revd. Jas. S. Cannon stated Clerk and the Revd. Stephen N. Rowan, Secretary.

The minutes of the last meeting were read & approved —

On motion Resolved that the Revd. Messrs. Jas. S. Cannon Wilhelmus Eltinge & Stephen N. Rowan be appointed a Committee for the admission of Students into the Theological School.

Resolved that the abovenamed gentlemen be appointed a Committee for the appropriation of monies for aiding Indigent Students —

The Revd. Jas. V. C. Romeyn informed the Board, that having been appointed at the meeting of this Board in Septr. 1814 to address a letter to the Revd. Jas. Murphy, intimating that they will be willing to receive from him, when he can make it convenient, One Hundred dollars of the $300, advanced to his aid in the prosecution of his studies, he had fulfilled the duty assigned him, but had as yet received no answer from Mr. Murphy —

Resolved that Mr. Romeyn be requested to write again to Mr. Murphy, to ascertain, whether he had received the letter abovementioned —

Resolved, that the sum of Four Hundred Dollars be put at the disposal of the Committee for aiding Indigent Students, provided such sum may have been paid into the Hands of the Special Treasurer of Synod for that purpose —

Resolved, that the Committee for aiding Indigent Students be directed to ask from each Individual, re-

ceiving aid from them, a Note without interest, obligating them, to refund the Monies, so received in case they leave the Reformed Dutch Church and attach themselves to any other denomination —

The Committee appointed to assist Indigent Students report, that conformably to a vote of the Board, they have loaned to Mr Richard Sluyter, in addition to what he has before received, as much more Money, as made the Sum of Two Hundred and Fifty dollars; — that they have taken his Note ~~payable~~ for the same, payable on demand without Interest, and that they have lodged it with the Treasurer of the Board of Trustees of Queen's College — By Order

John Schureman Chairman —

Resolved that this Board hold their Annual Meeting for examining the Theological School at New Brunswick in the Theological Hall at 10 o'Clock A.M. of the Wednesday immediately following the day of Commencement in Queen's College —

Resolved, that the Professors of Our Theological School be directed by the Board thro' the President, so to arrange their course of instruction, as to confine Our Students, Nine Months annually to the School, according to the Original Plan of Said school and to have their vacations to correspond with those of the Literary Institution —

Adjourned to Meet on Friday at 1 o'Clock P.M.

Closed with prayer

Friday. The Board met at One of the Clock, according to adjournment and was opened with prayer by the President

Present The Revd Drs Philip Milledoler
Jacob Broadhead

Revd Jas. S. Cannon —
Wilhelmus Eltinge
Stephen N. Rowan —

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved —

Resolved, that the resolution of the last meeting, requi

ren a Note to be given to the Committee of Appropriation
be reconsidered —

Upon reconsideration, it was amended as to read as follows — Resolved that the Committee for aiding Indigent Students, be directed to ask from each Individual, receiving Aid from them, a Note without Interest, obligating them to refund the monies so received in case they within ten years after settlement, leave the Reformed Dutch Church and attach themselves to any other denomination —

Resolved that the President & in case of his absence, the Revd. Mr Eltinge be appointed to preach at the next ordinary meeting —

Adjourned to meet to morrow at
1 Clock
Closed with prayer

Theoligical-Hall New-Brunswick
May 28. 1816 —

The Board met at the special call of the President & was opened with Prayer —

Members present —
Revd. Dr. Philip Milledoler
Revd. Dr. Jacob Broadhead
Revd. Jacob Sickels
— James S. Cannon
— Jas. V. C. Romeyn
— Wilhelmus Eltinge
— Stephen N. Rowan —

The Minutes of the last meeting were read & approved.

The President stated to the Board that the Object of the present meeting was, to examine the Senior Class in the Theological Seminary preparatory to their obtaining Professorat Certificates with a view to Licensure —

On Motion resolved, that the Board will now superintend an Examination of the Whole School —

The Committee appointed to receive applications for admission into the Theological School, reported, that they

met at New Brunswick on the 21st day of November 1815 & having examined & approved the documents of the following young gentlemen, viz, Walter Monteith, Cornelius Bogardus,* Stephen Studbrink, David R. De Forest & Brown Huff, agreed to admit them to a standing in the Theological School — The above report was approved —

The following Persons were admitted to an examination; viz —

Isaiah G. Johnston
William A. Bogardus
Ira Neil
Cornelius C. Talmage
Jacob S. Schultz — } of three years standing —

John A. Burtis
Isaac Newton Wyckoff
Samuel A. Van Vranken
Peter Van Zandt, Junr — } of two years standing —

Walter Monteith
David R. De Forest
Brown Huff — } of one year's standing —

After some progress in the examination, the Board adjourned to meet again at half after three o'clock P. M. — Closed with prayer —

Half past three o'clock the Board met according to adjournment — Opened with prayer —

The examination was resumed & continued until Half after 6 o'clock —

Adjourned to meet at 6 o'clock, Tuesday Morning

Tuesday Morning May 29th — 1816

The Board met according to adjournment and was opened with prayer —

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* Mr Hasbrouck owing to ill Health, left the School soon after his admission & is not expected to return —

The Examination was again resumed — — After progressing in the Examination for some time a recess was agreed to, till 9° Clock —

The Secretary having left the City the Revd. Dr. Broadhead was appointed Secretary pro: tem. — —

After closing the examination upon Didactic & Pastoral Theology, Church History & the Hebrew Language, the Board was highly gratified with the Proficiency of the Students of the Theological School, and Resolved that, Isaiah G. Johnston, William R. Bogardus, Ava Neal Cornelius C. Ettinge and Jacob S. Schultz be recommended to the Professors for certificates, which may admit them to Examination for Licensure, before the Classis of New-Brunswick —

The Board agreed to a recess till 2 Clock P. M. —

Half after two° Clock, the Board met —

The Committee for appropriation of Monies, for aiding Indigent Students, reported that they had granted $65 to Mr Huff — $100 to Mr Johnstone — $60 to Hasbrouck & 100 dollars to Mr Bogardus — and that they had also loaned the additional Sum of $100 to Mr Bogardus, payable on demand without Interest —

The above report was approved —

The Notes of the above named Persons were put into the Hands of Professor Schureman, for preservation —

Resolved that three Hundred dollars be put at the disposal of the Committee of appropriation, for aiding indigent Students for Six Months —

Resolved that Dr. Milledoller and the Revd. Mr Rowan be a Committee to draft the Annual report to be presented to the General Synod —

The Board agreed to a recess till Half after 7° Clock and at that time to meet in the Dutch Church

The Board accordingly met in the Church & the Revd. Dr. Milledoler delivered a Sermon from the 72° Psalm 17 verse

Resolved that the Thanks of the Board be given to Dr. Milledoler for his Sermon —

Adjourned to meet in the Consistory Cham-

ber in the City of New-York, on Tuesday next at 10° Clock, A.M. —

Concluded with prayer

New York June 4th 1816. —

The Board met according to adjournment. Members Present —

Revd. Dr. Milledoler —
— Jas. J. Cannon —
Wilhelmus Eltinge —
— Stephen N. Rowan —

Resolved, that the Committee for aiding Indigent Students be directed to ask from each Individual receiving aid from them, a note without interest, obligating them to refund the Monies, so received, in case they shall either while Licentiates or within ten years, after Settlement, leave the Reformed Dutch Church and attach themselves to any other denomination —

As some difficulty has arisen, as to the time of admitting Students into the Theological School & of examining the senior Class, for receiving Professoral Certificates, Resolved that the Board request the Gen. Synod to take Order On that Subject —

Adjourned to meet to Morrow afternoon at 5 Clock

Closed with Prayer —

Pursuant to adjournment, the Board met at the House of Dr. Milledoler and was Opened with Prayer by the President

Members Present —

Revd. Drs. Milledoler & Broadhead & the Revd. Messrs. Eltinge, Rowan Sickels and Cannon —

The Committee appointed to draft a report to Gen. Synod, Submitted One which being considered & amended was adopted and is as follows —

— The Board of Superintendants of the Theological College of the Reformed Dutch Church, report to Gen. Synod that they met and were regularly constituted at New-York On the 11th Octr. 1815 —

The Students found in the Seminary at that time

were ten in number, of whom 5 were of the Standing of two years and upwards and 5 of one year and upward —

On the 21st of November last the following young gentlemen were admitted into the Theological Institution, namely Walter Monteath, Cornelius Bogardus, David R. De Forest, Brogun Huff and Stephen Husbrouk — the gentleman last named, was obliged in consequence of severe indisposition to leave the School shortly after his admission & is not expected to return.

At a special meeting of the Board held at New Brunswick May 28. 1816, they were furnished by Professor Livingston with the following List of Students composing the School, with their respective times of Standing viz —

Isaiah G. Johnstone Wm. R. Bogardus Ava Neal Corns. C. Eltinge and Jacob J. Schultz —	of three years Standing —
Samuel A. Van Vranken John A. Burtiss — Frederick Vermule Isaac Newton Wykoff & Peter Van Zandt — Jun.	of two years Standing —
Walter Monteath David R. De Forest Corns. Bogardus & Brogun Huff —	of one year's Standing —

A General examination of the School was then had on Didactic and Pastoral Theology and the Senior Class in addition to the above were examined on Church History & the Hebrew Language — The Board received great Pleasure from that examination and they feel constrained to express to Gen. Synod, their entire & decided approbation of the Course of Instruction, pursued in the Seminary, of the Fidelity of the Professors, as well as of the diligence & attainments of the Students — They consider the Students as having in their examination done great Honour to themselves as well as to the Seminary in which they have been educated; & the Board take occasion most cordially to recommend this School which has been the object of so many prayers & of so much solicitude to the Confidence & Patronage of all the Churches —

After closing the Examination the following gentlemen above named of the Senior class, were recommended to receive Professional certificates, in order to their examination for licensure —

From information received by the Board, it is expected that the School will have an accession of students to its present number for the coming year —

As the young men educated in our Seminary, under the Patronage of the Gen. Synod were originally intended to supply the wants of our own Churches, and as in the Providence of God, some of them may be immediately called & others removed after the lapse of a short time, from their first settlements to churches of other denominations, the Board have deemed it both equitable and expedient, to ask from each Individual receiving aid from them, a note without interest obligating them to refund the Monies, so received, in case they shall within while Licentiates or within 15 years after settlement, leave the Reformed Dutch Church and attach themselves to any other denomination —

By a vote of the Board, passed Oct. 11th 1815 — the sum of Five Hundred dollars, was put at the disposal of a Committee for aiding indigent students and the further sum of 300 dollars on the 20th May 1816 — of this sum $100 have been presented to one of the students, and for three Hundred & twenty five dollars, they have received notes payable on demand without interest —

As some difficulty has arisen, respecting the time of admitting students into the Theological School & examining the Senior Class, for receiving Professional certificates, the Board of Superintendants, request the Gen. Synod to take order on that subject — they also request, as the funds for the support of indigent students, are at present, quite inadequate to the object contemplated, that the General Synod will take prompt and efficient Measures to replenish those Funds — all which is respectfully submitted —

Signed — Philip. Milledoler Chairman —

Resolved that a copy certified by the Clerk be presented to the General Synod by the President —

Adjourned to meet at the Call of the President

during the Session of General Synod —
Closed with Prayer —

New-York June 13th 1815

The Board met at the Call of the President — Opened with Prayer —

Members present — The Revd Dr. Broadhead
Revd Jas. S. Cannon —
Revd Jacob Sickels
Revd Dr. Philip Milledoler &
Revd Wilhelmus Eltinge —

Revd Wilhelmus Eltinge was appointed Corr. S.

The President informed the Board that Messrs. Albert Ammerman & Matthias Bruce, Senr. Students in the School of the Associate Reformed Church, who had obtained a dispensation from the Synod, desired to be admitted to an examination before the Board —

Whereupon the Board resolved, immediately to proceed to their examination —

Prof. Livingston having examined them on Didactic and Polemic Theology, the Board adjourned till to Morrow Morning 9 o'clock — Closed with Prayer —

Friday Morning — The Board met according to adjournment — Opened with Prayer —

The examination of Messrs. Ammerman & Bruce was resumed — and after having examined them on Ecclesiastical History, Church Government, Pastoral Theology and the Hebrew Language, and having exhibited satisfactory evidences of their attainments in these several branches Resolved, that the Board sustain their examination & recommend them to their Presbyteries for the requisite Certificates —

Resolved that the Clerk furnish the above Students with a Copy of the above Resolution & Recommendation

The Board adjourned to meet again on the last Tuesday in May next D. 1817 at New Brunswick —

Ph. Milledoler Pres —
Wilhelmus Eltinge P.T. Clerk —

At the call of the President the Board held a Special Meeting at New Brunswick Feby. 4. 1817 —
Opened with Prayer —

Members } Revd Dr. Philip Milledoler
Pres: } Jas. S. Cannon —
S. N. Rowan —

The Committee of Appropriation report that by their Order the Treasurer of Queen's College, loaned to Mr Samuel Van Vranken, the Sum of $200 and to Mr Brogan Huff $100, being all the Monies which of a Resolution of the Board had been put at the disposal of the Committee for the benefit of Indigent Students — and also that they had given to Mr Isaiah J. Johnston $30 for which they had taken his Receipt.

By Order of the Committee
Jas. S. Cannon Chair —

Messrs. Terhune & Letson, presented an Account of $31-87½ for three Copies of Milnor's Church History, purchased from them for the use of the School by Professor Schureman — which was ordered to be paid —

Resolved that $500 be put at the disposal of the Committee of Appropriation —

The Board requested Revd Mr Rowan to preach a Sermon this Evening —

Concluded with Prayer —

New Brunswick May 27 — 1817

The Board of Superintendants held their Stated Meeting for the purpose of Superintending an Examination of the Students in the Theological Seminary —

The Meeting was opened with prayer by the President —

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The following persons were [illegible]

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[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]	[illegible]

[illegible] having been [illegible] the Board adjourned [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] the Board [illegible]

The minutes of the [illegible] were read —

[illegible] before the Board [illegible]

[illegible] a Committee to draft the annual Report to be presented [illegible]

The Examination was [illegible] the Board adjourned to [illegible] of [illegible]

[illegible]

Wednesday Morning 9 o'Clock

The Board met according to adjournment and was Opened with prayer —

The Revd. Mr Elting delivered a discourse before the Board last Evening from Romans Chap X. v 15

Resolved that the thanks of the Board be presented to Mr Elting for his Sermon —

The Examination was again resumed —

After having examined the whole School upon Didactic, Polemic & Pastoral Theology & Church History, and the Senior Classes on the Hebrew Language and the manner of Sermonizing, together with their views in desiring to enter into the Labours of the Gospel vineyard the Board were perfectly satisfied with the proficiency of the Students of the Theological School — It was resolved unanimously that Samuel A. Van Vranken, Isaac N. Wykoff, John A. Burtiss, Peter Van Zandt Swn, Wm W. Philips, Samuel Kissam and John Ludlow, be recommended to the Professors for Certificates, which may admit them to Examination for Licensure before Classes —

Resolved that the Clerk furnish the above-named Gentlemen with a Copy of the aforesaid resolution —

Adjourned to meet at 4 o'Clock P. M.

Concluded with prayer —

4 o'Clock P. M. — The Board met and was Opened with prayer —

Resolved that $100 be put at the disposal of the Committee of appropriation in addition to the 500 dollars appropriated at a Meeting of the 4th February last —

Whereas the Students in the Theological School have requested Professor Schureman to deliver Lectures on Church History, therefore resolved that Dr. Schureman be & he is hereby requested to deliver a Course of Lectures on Ecclesiastical History —

Resolved that Dr. S. Broadhead be appointed to preach at the next ordinary Meeting —

Resolved that the Treasurer be authorized to pay one dollar & fifty Cents for expenses incurred by binding books —

The Board adjourned to meet

in the City of Albany on the first Friday in June next in the Consistory Chamber at 10 o'clock A.M.

Adjourned

Closed with prayer

Albany June 5 1817

The Board of Superintendants met in the Consistory Chamber according to adjournment — Opened with prayer —

Members Present } Revd Dr. Bradford
" Milledoler
" " Broadhead
" Mr Romeyn
" " Elting
" " Rowan —

The Committee appointed to draft the annual report to be presented to the General Synod, made a report which was adopted and is as follows:—

In obedience to the order of General Synod the Superintendants of the Theological College report —

That they met pursuant to a resolution of the General Synod of 1816 at the Theological Hall in New Brunswick, on the last Tuesday in May ult:, for the purpose of superintending the examination of the Students in that Seminary, & of transacting such other business as might be necessary for promoting the objects of the Institution —

The Board feel a high degree of pleasure in that they are enabled to communicate for the information of Synod, the following summary account of the State of the School, viz

The Professors furnished a list of the names & Standing of the Students composing the School, from Nov. 1810 to June 1817 of which the following is a copy

Samuel A. Van Vranken, Isaac N. Wykoff, John A. Burliss, Peter Van Landt junr, William W. Philips, Samuel Hissam & John Ludlow; of three years Standing

Walter Monteith, David R. De Freos, Corns Bogardus, ~~Henry Smaltz, John Van der Voort~~ & Bregun Stuff: of 2 years Standing

John Peltz, James Romeyn, Jacob Fonda, Hen: Smaltz

& John Van der Voort: of One year's Standing — 1817 45

The Board having duly attended to the Examination of the above Students on Didactic, Polemic & Pastoral theology Church History and Government, the Senior Class were further examined on the Hebrew Language, and their views in desiring to enter into the work of the Ministry: and after having exhibited Specimens of their talents and manner of Sermonizing, it was Unanimously resolved, that they (the Senior Class) be recommended to the Professors for certificates, in order to be admitted to an examination before a Classis for Licensure —

From the above Statement it will appear that there are seven who have finished their course of study; that nine remain in the School, four of whom have entered on the third & five on the second year of their term —

On the fourth of Feby last, a special meeting of the board was held at New Brunswick, when the committee of appropriation reported that they had loaned to One Student $200; to another $100 and given to a third $30, for which he had receipted — At the same meeting $500 were put at the disposal of the Committee to which sum $100 were added in May last —

At the desire of the Students, Professor Schureman has been requested to deliver a course of Lectures on Ecclesiastical history —

The Board are unwilling to omit this opportunity to express to Gen: Synod their entire satisfaction, not only arising from the attainments, the talents & the Piety of the young gentlemen who have been examined, being youth of much promise, but also the assiduity, the zeal, the fidelity and well arranged system of instruction pursued by those worthy professors in whom the Synod have reposed their confidence — They hesitate not to say, that in their opinion that trust has not been misplaced. Events have hitherto justified their choice — We behold from time to time issuing from this Seminary (the long desired object of our American Zion) young men qualified for their work. They need not be ashamed" — In this evil day in which the Enemy cometh in like a flood, we trust, the Holy Spirit, is thro' the Instrumentality of this School in some measure, erecting a Standard against him, in the midst of the Churches —

While the Board notice the ability with which the department assigned to your Junior Professor is conducted

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having entered on duties new & untried, guiding our precious youth in paths until lately unfrequented by himself they feel it to be a tribute of just respect to mention the diligence and solicitude to preserve inviolate the purity of doctrine & practices, hitherto the distinguishing features of the Reformed Dutch Church, which mark the conduct of that venerable Father, who long since was designated by our Mother Church for the important trust, who has been the first object of our Choice and who amidst increasing years and declining health has manifested & still manifests a willingness to spend & be spent in the kingdom of the Redeemer by serving his Church —

The Board having only farther to add, that they have reason to expect an accession to the School in the course of the present year: to what extent however they cannot with precision say.

The Scanty State of the Funds, continues to be a matter of regret: on this subject the Synod are in possession of documents which furnish them with information —

The preceding statement commends the institution to the unremitted, fostering care of the General Synod, whilst it calls forth our unfeigned gratitude, & demands the erection of our Ebenezers: — it claims our importunate prayers for its peace & prosperity, and presents an object to which the exertions of the whole of our Church as a united body should be directed —

All which is respectfully submitted —

Jas. V. C. Romeyn Chairman

Resolved that a copy of the above report certified by the Clerk be presented to the General Synod by the President —

Closed with Prayer

It a meeting of the Board [illegible] convened at the special call of the [illegible] December 16. 1817 — Opened with [illegible]

Members Present } [illegible]

" Cannon

Rowan

The Committee of Appropriation [illegible] to

the Board that in the discharge of the duties assigned them, they in the month of February 1817 [illegible] to the following young gentlemen the sums affixed to their respective names, viz. To Corn.s Bogardus $175 — to Brown Huff $150 and to John H. Smaltz $50 — and that in the months of June & July last they again loaned to John H. Smaltz $150 — and to Corn.s Bogardus $125 — making in the whole since the last report of your Committee the [illegible] of $650 and exceeding by $50, the sum put by the Board at their disposal — Jas. T. Cannon Chairman —

Resolved that the fifty dollars stated by the Committee of appropriation as having been advanced by them be accredited

Dr. Milldoler informed the Board that there was in the Hands of Mr Croom, Special treasurer of Synod $555-50 C subject to their order.

Resolved that $410 be appropriated for the relief of the Indigent Students who have now applied to the Board in the following proportions, viz. — Mr Bogardus $80 — Mr Huff $70 — Mr Dewing $60 — Mr Smaltz $80 — Mr Fonda $50 — Mr [illegible] $70 —

Resolved that the Secretary in the interval between this meeting & the month of May next, be authorized to draw upon the Special Treasurer of Synod for $145, in addition to what is appropriated in the preceding resolution, should there be a call for any necessary additional aid on the part of the Indigent Students

Resolved that an order be now given upon the Special Treasurer of Gen: Synod for the amount of $410, payable to the Treasurer of the Board of Queen's college to meet the appropriation just made — Adjourned

Closed with prayer —

New Brunswick May 20th 18[illegible]

The board of Superintendants held their stated meeting for the purpose of superintending the annual examination of the Students in the Theological Seminary — Opened with prayer —

Members present } Revd — Dr Milledoler
" Mr Romeyn
" Cannon
" Dewey
" Eltinge

The Secretary being absent the Revd Mr Eltinge was appointed Clerk pro tempore —

The following students were admitted to an Examination

Cornelius Bogardus
David R. De Forest
Brogan Hoff
} of three years standing —

Jacob Fonda
John J. Pells
James Romeyn
John H. Smalty
John Van Devoort
} of two years standing —

Eli Baldwin
Jared Dewing
Isaac Fisher
Gabriel Ludlow
John Van Leem
Abraham J Smits
Seymour Vink
Paul Weidman
} of one year's standing —

The Senior Professor having examined all the students on the several branches of his Department the board approved of the proficiency of the School in Didactic and Polemic Theology and adjourned to meet again at half past four O'clock P. M. Four O'clock P. M. the board met according to adjournment — The students of the first and second year's standing having informed the board that on account of the illness and death of their beloved Junior Professor they were unprepared for an examination on the branches of his Department whereupon the board resolved to dispense with their examination on said branches —

The Board then proceeded to examine Cornelius Bogardus David R. De Forest & Brogan Hall on Ecclesiastical History Church Government Pastoral Theology and the Hebrew Language and being satisfied with their proficiency in said branches and in Didactic & Polemic Theology. The board unanimously resolved that the above named persons be recommended to the Senior Professor for Certificates which may admit them to examination for licensure before any Classis or Particular Synod —

Resolved that the Clerk furnish these Gentlemen with a copy of the aforesaid resolutions —

The Revd Dr. J. Broadhead who was appointed to preach before the board being absent the Revd. P. Dengen at the request of the board preached a Sermon from Matt. 25. 40 last Clause

Resolved that the Revd Mr Eltinge be appointed to draft the annual report to be presented to the General Synod —

The Committee of Appropriation report that they have since the last meeting of the board furnished Mr Jared Dewing with $30 out of the one hundred and forty five put at their disposal

James S. Cannon Chairman

The Board adjourned to meet in the city of New-York on the first Tuesday of June next in the Consistory room Garden Street at 2 O'clock P.M.

Closed with Prayer

New York June

First Tuesday of June 2 O'clock P.M. the Board met agreeable to adjournment and not being able to form a quorum they adjourned till Wednesday 3 O'clock P.M. —

Wednesday 3 O'clock P.M. the board met according to adjournment opened with prayer Members present

Revd Dr P. Milledolan

" Revd W. Eltinge

" " J. Cannon

" " P. Dunyea —

Resolved that $400 be appropriated for the relief of the indigent students who have now applied to the board in the following proportions viz Mr Bogardus $100 Mr Dewing $65 Mr Smaltz $100 Mr Gardner $70 Mr Fisher $65 —

Whereas the general Synod has by their statute

of 1813 extended the superintendence of the board over every student in the Reformed Dutch Church so far as to render it the duty of every student previous to his commencing the study of Theology to make himself known as such to the board of Superintendents and to consider himself as under their care - And whereas the board have understood that there are at present and have been for a year past some students in the School of Professor Dwight who have hitherto not yet reported themselves to the board. Resolved to refer the above case to Synod for their direction and advice -

The Committee appointed to draft the annual report to be presented to the Synod made a report which was adopted and is as follows.

The Board met in the Theological Hall at New Brunswick on the last Tuesday of May 1818 for the purpose of superintending the annual examination of our Seminary and its other concerns. The board found your School in deep mourning on account of the death of our greatly beloved, and highly esteemed junior Professor the Revd Dr John Schanck is no more - He is lost to his family to the School and to the Church - God who gave has taken him away in the midst of his usefulness. But we must neither murmur nor despair. It becomes us to submit with resignation and to say the Lord gave and the Lord hath taken away blessed be the name of the Lord -

The Senior Professor furnished the following list.

the names and standing of the students of the College
Cornelius Boyndus David R. De Forest and Brogan
Hoff of three years standing - Jacob Fonda John J. Pitts
James Romeyn John Henry Smaltz John Van Deborcht
of two years standing - Ele Baldwin Jared Dewing
Isaac Fisher Gabriel Ludlow John Van Liem
Abraham J. Swits Seymour Vank and Paul
Weidman of one years standing —
The board having attended to the examination of
all the students on Didactic & Polemic Theology
approved of their proficiency in said branches. The
board then proceeded to examine Cornelius Boyndus
David R. De Forest and Brogan Hoff students of
three years standing on Ecclesiastical History Church
Government Pastoral Theology and the Hebrew Lan-
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lemic Theology the board unanimously resolved
that the above named students be recommended
to the Senior Professor for certificates which may
admit them to examination for licensure before
any Classis or Particular Synod - From the above
statement it will appear that three students have
finished their course of study and that thirteen re-
main in the School five of whom have entered on
the third and eight on the second year of their term
During the year past the board have granted for
the relief of six indigent students the sum of $ 84[illegible]
in the following proportions - To one student $ 180
to another $ 70 to another $ 155 to another $ 180 to

another $135 and to another $ 120 — The board take this opportunity to express their approbation of the faithful and unremitting labours of our venerable surviving Professor and to express their fervent prayer that the great head of the Church may long continue him in the midst of — as a blessing to his people —

From a view of the wants of — School and of the state of our funds the board recommend to general synod that a successor to Dr Schinemann be appointed so soon as they shall deem it expedient. The board wish to add that they have reason to expect an accession to the School in the course of the present year — The board before they close their report beg leave to call the attention of Synod to an existing irregularity in the School of Professor Fraleigh — Whereas the General Synod have by their statute of 1813 extended the superintendence of the board over every student in the Reformed Dutch Church so far as to render it the duty of every student previous to his commencing the study of Theology to make himself known as such to the Board of Superintendants and to consider himself as under their care — And whereas the board have understood that there are at present and have been for a year past four students in the School of Professor Fraleigh who have hitherto not yet reported themselves the Board resolved to refer the above case to General

Synod for their Direction —

Closed with Prayer

New York, June 11th 1818 —

A new appointment of Superintendants was made at the meeting of Synod of the present year (viz)

Rev. Dr. Bradford
Rev. M. Dewitt
Rev. Mr. G. B. Livingston
Mr. McMurray
— Mr. C. C. Cuyler. From the Synod of Albany
— Mr. S. Dr. Rowan
Mr. J. Schoonmaker
Mr. J. Cornelison
Mr. S. S. Woodhull
Mr. J. Ludlow. From the Synod of N. York
Dr. P. Milledoller
Rev. J. S. Cannon
— C. Hardenbergh
Dr. Brodhead
Rev. W. Eltinge From the Board of Trustees of Queens College

Of whom the following persons were present viz. Rev. J. S. Cannon. Rev. Dr. P. Milledoller Rev. J. Schoonmaker. Rev. C. C. Cuyler. Rev. S. Dr. Rowan. Rev. S. S. Woodhull. Rev. McMurray Rev. C. Hardenbergh. Rev. J. Dewitt. Rev. G. B. Livingston. The Rev. C. C. Cuyler was called to the chair

and Mr Rowan appointed Clerk Pro tem: After prayer by the Rev: Mr Cuyler, the Board proceeded to the choice of officers; on counting the ballots, it appeared that the Rev. Dr Bradford was chosen President, The Rev. J Ludlow stated Clerk, and Rev S Dr Rowan Secretary

In the absence of Dr Bradford, the Rev C C Cuyler was appointed President Pro tem

The minutes of the last meetings were read and approved

Resolved, That when this board adjourn, they adjourn to meet in the City of New Brunswick, on the 1st Wednesday of November in the Professoral Hall at 10. A.M.

Resolved, that at the meeting in November next the Rev. Wm. McMurray preach a sermon, and Jacob Schoonmaker be his substitute

Resolved, that the Rev. Messrs J S Cannon, Wilhelmus Eltinge, Stephen Dr Rowan, Charles Hardenbergh, and John Ludlow, be a committee for the appropriation of monies for aiding Indigent Students

Resolved that Rev S Dr Rowan, and S.S. Woodhull be a committee to prepare and cause to be printed, 250 blank receipts for monies which may be loaned to the Indigent Students

Adjourned to meet in the City of Dr Brunswick on the first Wednesday of November next at 10. A.M

Concluded with prayer

The Board of Superintendents met [illegible] to adjournment in the City of New Brunswick, November 4th 1818

Present

Rev. Dr. [illegible] Oford. President

Rev. Mr. J. S. Cannon
C. C. Cuyler
J. Cornelson
J. Schoonmaker
W. Millurray
S. J. Woodhill
C. Ludlow
J. Dr. Rowan
Dr. Brodhead
E. Hardenbergh

Opened with prayer

Resolved that Professor Livingston be requested to furnish the Board with an official List of the Students of the Theological College, including an account of their respective standings

An application was made to the Board by Mr. John Rawls for admission into the Theological College. Whereupon Resolved that his papers be returned back to him, with direction to apply to Professor Livingston conformably to an order of Gen. Synod of June 1818. "That all future applications for admission into the Seminary be made to the Professors

The President stated that Messrs Abraham Fort, James Brinkerhoff, Stephen Goelschius, and George Dubois, students of the School of the Rev. Professor Frelich, had reported themselves to him agreeably to an order of Synod of June last

Resolved that the Secretary be directed to inform the above named Gentlemen of the time of the next stated meeting of this Board, and to request them to be then present for the purpose of being examined with the Students of the Theological College.

There being at present no Professor of Biblical Literature, of Pastoral Theology and Church Government in the Theological College

Resolved that the Rev. Messrs Woodhull, Bradford and Rowan be a committee to enquire by what means, and upon what terms, instruction may be furnished to the Theological Students during the present Session, in those branches, and report at the present meeting.

The following communication was received from Professor Livingston and ordered to be recorded on the minutes. viz)

The Students in the Theological College at the opening of the Session 1818

Jacob Fonda
John Peltz
James Romeyn
Henry Smaltz
John Van De Voort

Joseph Wilson
Peter P Rouse
James Bruyn Ten Eyck
Isaac Ketchum
John Rawls

Eli Baldwin
Jared Dewing
Isaac Fisher
Gabriel Ludlow
John Van Lieu
Abraham I Switz
Seymour Vonk
Paul Wiedman

The above is a correct list of the Students who are now attending Lectures

Signed
J H Livingston
Dr Brunswick Nov 3. 1818

Rev. Superintendents of the Theological College

Resolved that C. C. Cuyler, Dr. [illegible] and I. Schoonmaker be a committee to enquire into the time and course of study, and the present state of the Theological College, and to report [illegible] the present meeting

Resolved that the Rev. I. Ludlow be appointed Librarian of the Theological College

The Committee appointed at the last meeting of the Board to prepare, and cause to be printed blank receipts for monies which may be loaned to Indigent Students, Reported the following form of a receipt, which was adopted and ordered to be printed under the superintendance of the same Committee

I do hereby acknowledge to have received from the Board of Superintendents of the Theological College of the Reformed Dutch Church in North America, the sum of [illegible] Dollars, which sum I do hereby promise and oblige myself to pay on [illegible] to the Treasurer of the General Synod for the time being, in case that while a Licentiate, or within ten years after my settlement I shall leave the Reformed Dutch Church, and attach myself to any other Denomination

— Witness my hand and seal this — day of

— A.D.

Signed and sealed

— the [illegible]

Resolved that the Committee of appropriation be authorised to pay the expense incurred in the printing of such receipts

[illegible] the Committee appointed [illegible]

by General Synod for purchasing books, having informed the Board that no books had yet been purchased by them and there being a necessity for a number of books in the Library during the present Session

Resolved that said Committee be respectfully requested to attend to the purchase of said books as soon as practicable, and to the extent of the means within the control of the Treasury Board

The following Students applied to the Board for support for the Session to the extent of the amount of the following sums (viz)

Jared Dewing -	$ 140.
Jacob Fonda - - - - - - -	175.
J. H. Smalley - - - - - - - -	175.
Joseph Wilson - - - - - -	150.
J. Fisher -	130.
J. Ketchum -	150
J. Rawls - - - - - - - -	120.
J. A. Van Hook - - -	50.

Whereupon Resolved that $500. be put at the disposal of the Committee of appropriation

Resolved that the mode of obtaining monies for the Indigent Students be by draft on the Treasurer of Gen: Synod, signed by the President and Secretary of this Board; payable to the Rev. J. Ludlow or Order

Resolved that Mssrs Ludlow, Cannon and Rowan be a Committee, who are hereby instructed to inquire into the practicability of procuring some person or persons who will furnish board rooms, washing &c to the Indigent Students at a lower rate than the prices now paid by them and in general into the possibility of reducing the

expenses incurred by the Indigent Students, and report to this Board at their next stated meeting.

The Rev. Mr. McMurray in conformity with the appointment of the Board at the last meeting, preached a Sermon from Luke 17. 10.

Resolved that the Rev. Charles Hardenbergh preach a Sermon before the Board at their next meeting, and that the Rev. S. S. Woodhull be his substitute.

The Committee appointed to enquire by what means, and upon what terms instruction may be furnished to the Theological Students during the present Session, in Biblical Literature, Pastoral Theology and Church Government, presented the following report, which was read and adopted (viz)

The Committee to whom report that they believe that the following resolutions if adopted by the Board may be carried into effect, viz

1. Resolved that the Rev. James L. Cannon be and he hereby is appointed by this Board to teach during the present Session, Ecclesiastical History, Church Government, and Pastoral Theology, and that he be allowed for his services the sum of Two Hundred Dollars.

2. Resolved that Mr John Sibson be and he hereby is appointed by this Board to teach the Hebrew and Greek Languages during the present Session, and that he be allowed for his services the sum of One Hundred Dollars

By order of the Committee

(Signed) S. S. Woodhull Chm.

The Committee &c Reported and their report was adopted and is as follows, viz

1. That the General Synod have ordered that there be vacation in the Theological College for no more than three Months in any one Year; and Your Committee have ascertained, that ordinarily the Seminary has not continued for more than seven months in one Year. Your Committee deem the Dience to the order of Gen: Synod to be demanded by the honour and interests of the Seminary and the good of the Students

2. Your Committee conceive that it would be advisable that the Professor of Dydactic Theology go through the whole of his course of Lectures once in the first two years, and cause it to be carefully, yet rapidly reviewed by the Students in the third Year; thus affording continually more time for attending to the other Instructors.

3. Your Committee consider that more attention should be paid by the Students to the art of performing, particularly that part of it which relates to analyzing a subject, and the delivery of sermons

4. Your Committee believe that the Students devote too much of their time to the transcribing of the Lectures of the Professor of Didactic Theology, and that they would be more benefited by taking notes and having recourse to thinking and reading of Too.

(Signed) C. C. Cuyler. Chairman

Resolved that this Board respectfully request the Rev. Dr Livingston to publish his Lectures, as a measure calculated to be of great advantage to the Students, to the Institution, and to the Church at large

Resolved that official notice be given to the Rev: Professor Livingston, of the appointment of the Rev: J. S. Cannon to instruct the Students in Ecclesiastical History: Church Government, and Pastoral Theology, during the present session: and of Mr. John S. Mahon as Teacher of Hebrew and Greek Languages for the same term

The Board being informed that some Students of the Theological College, have occasionally preached, Therefore

Resolved that this Board highly disapprove of said practice, and that no Student be allowed either to preach or lecture, unless under the immediate inspection of the Professor, or Professors And that a copy of this resolution be furnished Professors Livingston and Frelich, for the information of the Students

Adgourned to meet in the city of Dr. Brunswick on the last Tuesday in May at 10. O'Clock AM

Concluded with Prayer

New Brunswick May 25. 1819

The Board met for the purpose of Superintending an examination of the Students of the Theological College

Members present

Rev. Dr.	P. Milldoller	Rev. Messrs	G. B. Livingston
	J. Brodhead		S. S. Woodhull
Rev. Messrs	J. S. Cannon		J. Ludlow
	J. Schoomaker		S. Dr Rowan
	C. C. Cuyler		C. Hardenbergh
	Wm. McMurray		J. Cornelison

Opened with prayer

In the absence of Dr. Bradford, the Rev. S. S. Woodhull was appointed President pro tempore

The Secretary reported that in conformity to the directions of the Board, he had informed Messrs Abraham Fort, James Brinkerhoff, Stephen Z Goetschius, and George Dubois, Students of Professor Frælich of the time of the meeting of this Board, and requested them to be present at the examination of the Students of the Theological College

The above named gentlemen being present laid before the Board the following communications from Professor Frælich, viz,

To the Reverend Board of Superintendents of the Theological Schools under the care of the Reformed Dutch Church in North America

Reverend Brethren

Messrs James Brinkerhoff, Stephen Z Goetschius and George Dubois, who will have the honour to present this are young gentlemen of very respectable natural endowments, and literary acquirements, also of unblemished morals, and distinguished piety. They have with the most unremitted diligence attended my Lectures, and recitations on Didactic and Polemic Theology and Church History. The former for the space of two years and eight Months; The two latter, for the space of two years and six Months. They have also paid some attention to sermonising. Their vacancies have been trifling

In their examination before your Reverend board, I entertain the strongest confidence, and anticipate such appearance of improvement, that you will not hesitate to recommend them for their Professoral certificate.

Schraalenburgh May 17. A.D 1819 } With the most profound respect, and prayers for God. blissing on your Reverend body. I have the honour to be your Affectionate Brother & very humble Servant

Soloman Frælich

These are to certify, to all whom it may concern, that the bearer Mr. Abraham Fort, has with unremitted diligence, attended my Lectures & recitations on Didactic and Polemic Theology and Church History, since Sept. 8 AD 1817. to the present date, and made good improvement

J. T. Solomon Froeligh SS
Theologiæ Professor

Schraalenburgh
May 20. 1819

Whereupon Resolved, that the Board do not proceed to the examination of the following Students viz,

Jacob Fonda
James Romeyn
Henry Smalts
John Van De Voort
Isaac Van Hook
John Rawls
} of the first Class

Eli Baldwin
Jared Dewing
Isaac Fisher
Gabriel Ludlow
John Van Lieuw
Abraham J Switz
Seymour Vonk
Paul Wiedman
} of the second Class

Maurice W Dwight
Joseph Wilson
Peter P Rouse
James Bruyn Ten Eyke
Isaac Ketchum Jun.
} of the third Class in the Theological College

And James Brinkerhoff
Stephen T Goetschius
George Dubois & Abm Fort
} Students of Professor Froeligh

After proceeding some time in the examination of the Students on Antient, Sacred and profane History the examination was suspended until tuesday morning 8. O'Clock

Resolved that Rev. Mssrs Stephen Dr Rowan J. Cornelison and C. C. Cuyler be a Committee to prepare a report to be laid before Gen. Synod

Resolved that Dr Brodhead. J. Ludlow and J. S. Cannon be a committee to inquire into the propriety of suggesting to Gen. Synod, any alterations in the organization of the Theological College, or in the course of study.

Adjourned to meet tomorrow morning at 8 O'Clock

Tuesday morning 8. O'Clock

The examination of the Students was resumed after proceeding in an examination on Church History till half past Nine, the Board had a recess of half an hour. At 10. O'Clock, Dr Livingston commenced the examination of the Students on Didactic and Polemic Theology which was closed about 2 O'Clock. At 4 P.M. The Board resumed the examination on Ecclesiastical History, and continued in Session until they examined the Students on Church Government, Pastoral Theology and the Hebrew and Greek Languages

The Board then had a recess for the purpose of attending divine service

The Rev. S. S. Woodhull, agreeably to appointment preached a Sermon from 2 Cor. 2.16, his Primarius, the Rev. Charles Hardenbergh being unwell. After service the Board adjourned to meet on Wednesday morning 9 O'Clock

Wednesday morning 9 O'Clock

The Board heard the members of the Senior Class read each of them part of a discourse, and ex-

examined them as to their view in entering on the work of the Minist—

Whereupon Resolved that the examination of the Students of the Senior Class, and of James Brinkerhoff, Stephen L. Goetschius, and George Dubois, Students of Professor Frelighs be sustained; and that they be severally recommended for a Professoral certificate

The Committee appointed at the last meeting to enquire into the practicability of procuring some person or persons to furnish board &c to the Indigent Students at a lower rate than the prices now paid by them stated that some enquiry had been made the result of which is, that board &c can be obtained at a cheaper rate. Whereupon

Resolved, that I. Ludlow, I. S. Cannon, and Charles Hardenbergh be a committee to procure Board &c and that the Indigent Students be directed to obtain board, clothing, and other necessary articles through said Committee

Resolved that it be hereafter a standing rule of this Board that all Indigent Students receiving aid from the funds be directed to lay before the Board an account of their expenditures previous to their receiving any additional appropriation.

The Committee of appropriation reported, that of the $500. put at their disposal, they have distributed $465. among the Indigent Students in the following proportions (viz) To Jared Dewing $55. To Jacob Fonda $80. To J. H. Smaltz $120. To Joseph Wilson $60. To Isaac Fisher $50. To Isaac Ketchum Jun: $50. And to John Rawls $50. The Committee have paid $2.62½ for printing Copies of receipts, agreeably to the order of the Board; and there are still in their hands $32.37½. They also reported, that they had at the present meeting received applications from the Indigent Students, for sums to the

amount of $1135. And that they had reduced the several sums as much as possible, and find that $850. will be necessary to be appropriated in the following proportions (viz) to Jared Dewing $80. - to Jacob Fonda $70. - to J. H. Smaltz $80. - to Joseph Wilson $90. to Isaac Fisher $70. to Isaac Ketchum Jun. $100. to John Rawls $100. to Isaac A Van Dyck $100. to J Van Devoort $60. And to Mr Wiedman $100.

(Signed) J S Cannon Chairman

Whereupon Resolved that $825. more be put at the disposal of the Committee of appropriation

The Committee appointed to enquire into the propriety of suggesting to Gen. Synod, any alterations in the organization of the Theological College &c were not ready to report - Resolved that the same Committee be continued and directed to report at the next meeting of the Board

Resolved, that orders be now issued for the payment of the original salaries of the Rev. J S Cannon, and Mr John Mabon

Resolved that in consideration of the valuable services, rendered the Theological College by the above named Gentlemen and some extra expenses, to which they have been subjected by attendance on the duties assigned them by the Board, $100 additional be paid to the Rev. Mr Cannon, and $25. additional to Mr J S Mabon

The Students in the two lower Classes in the Theological College, each laid before the Board, a sermon for inspection, excepting Mssrs Van Lieuw and Ten Eyke who had left the City, before the call for sermons was made; and Mssrs Ketchum, Fort and Dwight who were excused

Resolved that Board respectfully request the Gen. Synod

1 - To direct their Stated Clerk to furnish the Board

so far as is practicable with a copy of all their past and future minutes.

2. To change the day of the annual examination of the Theological College, from the last Tuesday in May, to the Fourth Monday in May

3. Again to entrust the admission of Students into the Theological College to the Board of Superintendents

Resolved that the President be furnished with a list of the Indigent Students who are to continue in the Theological College, that should the Synod wish to do so, they may recommend to the Board of Trustees of Queens College any of those persons by name for aid from the Van Bunschoten Fund

Resolved that all the Students of the Theological College shall, if required, deliver a sermon before the Board at their future annual examinations

Resolved the Stated Clerk be directed to give to all the members seasonable notice of the time of the meetings of the Board

Resolved that the Rev. Charles Hardenbergh be appointed to preach at the next meeting of the Board, and Gilbert R. Livingston be his substitute

Resolved that when the Board adjourn, they adjourn to meet in the City of New Brunswick on the first Wednesday of November next at 5 O'Clock P.M.

The Committee appointed to draft a report to Gen. Synod, presented the following, which was adopted, and ordered to be forwarded in due form to Gen. Synod

The Board of Superintendents of the Theological College respectfully present to the Rev. Gen. Synod the following report of their proceedings during the last year

A new appointment of Superintendents having been made by the Synod in June last; the Board organized at New York; and on their own adjournment, met in the City of New-Brunswick, at the opening of the Theological College in November, 1818.

The Board contemplated that the General Synod would have filled the vacancy in the College, occasioned by the lamented death of the late able, and amiable Professor, the Rev: Dr John Schuurman. But finding that that Rev: Body had not been able to carry into effect the desirable object of supplying his place in consequence of the declinature of the Professor Elect; and believing that the interests of Students would be materially injured by the suspension of the Study of Ecclesiastical History, Church Government, Pastoral Theology, and Biblical Criticism; the Board felt themselves imperiously called upon to procure for them temporary Instructors in those respective branches. Accordingly they appointed a committee to "inquire by what means, and upon what terms instruction might be furnished to the Theological Students during the Session in those branches". This Committee found on inquiry, that the Rev: James S Cannon and Mr John S Mabon, who were in the vicinity of the College, might be obtained for those purposes.

The terms on which the Committee prevailed upon those Gentlemen to render their respective services were so moderate, and so completely within the reach of the means of the Treasurer, that the Board resolved to comply with them; and accordingly appointed the Rev. James S Cannon to teach Ecclesiastical History, Church Government and Pastoral Theology; and Mr John S Mabon to teach the Hebrew and Greek Languages during the Session. The Board are happy to

to be able to inform General Synod, that the above named Gentlemen entered immediately, and zealously on the discharge of the duties assigned them, and so far as their engagements would permit, have unremittingly discharged those duties to the close of the Session.

At the same meeting the Board "respectfully requested the Rev. Dr. Livingston to publish his Lectures as a measure calculated to be of vast advantage to the Students, to the Institution, and to the Church at large". The Board have as yet received no answer to their request.

The Board again met at Drew-Brunswick on the last Tuesday of May, for the purpose of superintending the annual examination of the College. In this occasion Professor Livingston laid before the following list of Students, viz. Jacob Fonda, James Romeyn, Henry Smaltz, John Van Devoort, Isaac A Van Hook, and John Rawls, of the First Class. Eli Baldwin, Jared Dewing, Isaac Fisher, Gabriel Ludlow, John Van Lieuw, Abrahan I Switz, Seymour P Funck, and Paul Wiedman of the Second Class. - Maurice W Dwight, Joseph Wilson, Peter P. House, James Bruyn Tenbyke, and Isaac Ketchum Jun. of the Third Class. - James Brinkerhoff, Stephen L Goetschius, George Dubois, and Abraham Fort Students of Professor Frelich who in obedience to the order of General Synod had previously reported themselves to the President of the Board, were also present at the examination. The three first of these last named Gentlemen applied for examination with a view to obtaining Professoral Certificates previous to licensure. The Board attended to the examination of the above named Students, on Didactic and Polemic Theology, Ecclesiastical History, and Church Government. And the first

Class were further examined on Pastoral Theology and the Hebrew and Greek Languages. And the result of the examination was a most favourable impression of the diligence and qualification of the Students in general, and of the assiduity and devotedness to the interests of those Students of the Gentlemen who were engaged in their instruction.

Messrs. Jacob Fonda, James [illegible], Henry Smith, John Van Devoort, Isaac A. Vanbook, John Rawls, James Brinkerhoff, Stephen L. Goetschius and George Dubois who had completed their course of study, were recommended for a Professoral certificate.

There are thirteen Students remaining in the Seminary; and the Board are happy to state from information received, that there is a prospect of a considerable accession to the College during the present year.

During the last year $1315 have been appropriated for the use of indigent Students, in the following proportions (viz) to four persons each $150: to one $135: to another $120: to another $60: to two others, each $100: and to another $30. on arrearages of the previous year, and $170. for the past year.

As the demand upon the fund for the relief of Indigent Students increases in proportion to the increase of their number, and as the Board have from their limited resources at their disposal, felt it their duty to adhere to a system of rigid economy, they have appointed a Committee to "inquire into the practicability of procuring some person or persons who will furnish Board, Rooms, washing &c to the Indigent Students at a lower rate than the prices now paid by them, and in general into the possibility of reducing the expenses incurred by the Indigent Students. And the Students

have accordingly been directed to make no engagements in the City of New Brunswick inconsistent with the plans of economy adopted by the Board.

With Gratitude to the Great Head of the Church, the Board inform Synod that the health and usefulness of their Venerable Professor Livingston are still continued, and that at his advanced age he is, with his usual devotedness and ability blessing the Church, by communicating to her successive Ministers, that Theological information, for which he is so eminently distinguished. And they would do injustice to the Rev. James [illegible] and Mr. John S. Mabon if they did not also [illegible] the General Synod that those Gentlemen have industriously, ably and successfully discharged the duties assigned them. The Students manifested such an acquaintance with ancient, sacred & profane history; with the history of the Church since the commencement of the Christian era, with her government and the duties of the Pastoral Office as did honour to their diligence and talents; and complimented the qualifications of their temporary Instructor. They also manifested an acquaintance with the Hebrew and Greek Languages, which proved that Mr. Mabon had discharged his duty with his known ability and faithfulness.

It is gratifying to the Board to be able to inform the Synod, that instruction has been communicated to the Students on most of the branches contemplated to be taught by two additional Professors, at an expense less than one third of the salary allowed to one Professor.

The Board cannot close their report without congratulating themselves and the Synod on the fact that nine additional heralds of the cross

are about to receive the commission, "Go ye and preach the Gospel". That our Theological College, which has been the object of so many prayers and of so much fostering care, is in a flourishing state and promises to be an increased blessing to the Church in furnishing them with able and faithful Ministers.

The Board, in the exercise of the powers vested in them by the plan of the Institution, respectfully but earnestly urge upon General Synod the completion of the organization of the Theological College.

Our present Venerable Professor, it is well known is advanced in years; and if the Master should be pleased to dismiss him soon from his earthly service, our Seminary would be without any Professor. We cannot expect that temporary instructors can be obtained from year to year. The honour of the Church and the interests of the College, demand that the vacant Professorships be filled as soon as possible and that such permanent arrangements be made on this subject as will command the confidence of the community and make the Institution an increased blessing to the Church and to the world.

The Board respectfully request the General Synod

1. To direct their Stated Clerk to furnish the Board so far as practicable, with a copy of all their past and future minutes.

2. To change the day of the annual examination of the Theological College from the last Tuesday in [illegible] the fourth Monday in May.

3. Again to intrust the admission of Students into the Theological College to the Board of Superintendents.

By order of the Board

Selah S. Woodhull, President pt.
Stephen N. Rowan, Secretary

Theological Hall of Brunswick
May 24. 1819

1819

The minutes being read and approved the Board adjourned to meet in the City of New Brunswick on the 1st Wednesday of November next at 5 O'Clock. P.M. - Closed with prayer

In obedience to the order of Gen. Synod the Board of Superintendents met at New Brunswick September 1. 1819 - Opened with prayer

Members present

Rev. Dr. Philip Milledoller
Rev. Messrs S. S. Woodhull
C. C. Cuyler
J. Schoonmaker
Wm. McMurray
J. DeWitt
S. N. Rowan
C. Hardenbergh

In consequence of the appointment and installation of the Rev. John Ludlow & the Professorship of Biblical Literature, and Ecclesiastical History in the Theological College his seat in the Board is vacated

In the absence of Dr Bradford the Rev. C. C. Cuyler was appointed President pro tempore.

General Synod having entrusted the admission of Students into the Theological College and into the School of Professor Frelighs, to the Professors, & the Board of Superintendents or a committee of five to be appointed by the Board.

Resolved that on this occasion the Board concur with the Professors in the admission of Students which may apply.

The General Synod having at their last session referred the application of John McLure for aid in the prosecution of his Classical and Theological studies to the Board of Superintendents

Resolved, that the Board do not possess such information concerning Mr McLure as to justify them in acting in his case and that he be informed that it is necessary for every applicant to lay before the Board, regular certificates of his standing in the Church to which he belongs, and of his progress in Classical Studies.

The General Synod having made Mr Isaac Ferris an allowance of the time spent in the Seminary of the Ass. R. Church in Dr. York, and permission to finish his Theological studies at New Brunswick, and Mr Ferris having laid a certificate from Dr Mason of his having spent two years in the Seminary under his care,

Resolved, that Mr Ferris be accredited as a Student of the First Class in the Theological College

Mr Robert Roy a member of the R.D. Church at Warwick and in indigent circumstances as fully appeared from the certificate of John I Christie President of the Consistory of said Church applied to be received as a Student of the Theological College. But his certificates of Progress in his Academic Studies, being insufficient,

Resolved, that the Rev. Charles Hardenbergh inform Mr Roy that the Board will attend to his application on the 1st Monday in November next

Resolved, that the Committee to procure board be discharged

Resolved, that the Rev. Charles Hardenbergh be, and hereby is appointed Stated Clerk of this Board

Resolved that the Rev S S Woodhull be added to the Committee of appropriation

Resolved, that Jared Dewing, Isaac Fisher and Paul Wiedman for the term of one year; And Joseph Wilson, and Isaac Ketchum Junr for the term of two years be and hereby are recommended to the Board of Trustees, Queens College to receive the proceeds of the legacy of Miss Rebecca Knox in equal proportions

Adjourned to meet in the City of New-Brunswick on the 6th day of November next at 5 o'clock P.M.

Closed with prayer

The Board of Superintendants met at New Brunswick May 22d 1820

Opened with prayer

Members present

Rev Drs - J M. Bradford
—— P. Milledoller
—— J S Cannon
—— J Brodhead

Rev. Mrs. C. Hardenbergh
S S Woodhull
W. McMurray
W. Eltinge
C C Cuyler
G. R. Livingston
J. Cornelison

The Rev. Stephen Dr. Rowan sent in his resignation as a member of this Board.

Resolved that the Professors be requested to furnish the Board with a list of the Students now in the Theological College

In answer to the foregoing request the following communication was received

Students in the Theological College in New Brunswick May 25. 1820

— Of the first Class —

Eli Baldwin
Jared Dewing
Isaac Fisher
Gabriel Ludlow
John Van Lieuw
Abraham J Swits
Seymour Vonk
Paul Wiedman
Isaac Ferris
John Pells restored upon probation

— Of the second Class —

Maurice W Dwight
Jacob Bruyn Ten Eyck
Isaac S Ketchum
Peter P Rouse
Joseph Wilson

— Of the third Class —

John McLure
Richard V Dey
Herman B Stryker
John Van Derveer
Richard Wyckoff
Samuel Van Veghten
Benjn C Taylor

1820.

The Board having at its Session in September 1st 1819 adjourned to meet on the first day of November, and having not met on that adjournment to receive Students, it was

Resolved that this Board do now concur with the Professors in admitting into the Theological College, the following persons as of the third Class, viz.

Benjamin C Taylor
Herman B. Stryker
John McLure
Richard Wynkoop
John Van Derveer.

Certain papers having been presented relative to the moral conduct of Mr. John J Pells a Student in the Seminary

Resolved unanimously in the case of Mr. Pells, that the Board cannot under present circumstances, and with the papers now before them, recommend him for a Professoral certificate. Also

Resolved, that Copies of the affidavits of Catharine Van Doren, and Eliza B Moss be transmitted to Mr. Pells and that all the original papers be preserved on file by the State Clerk

Resolved, that each member of the senior Class, be required to preach a sermon before the Board; and that each member of the other two Classes lay a sermon on the table

Resolved, that the following Members be appointed a committee to draft a report from this Board to Gen. Synod viz-

the Rev. Messrs Charles Hardenbergh, Wilhelmus Selah & Woodhull and the the Rev Dr Jacob Brodhead

Resolved that the name of John Bells be not mentioned in the report to Gen Synod, and that no reference be made to his case in that report

Resolved, that whenever in consequence of any delinquency, any Student has been suspended from the school by the Professors, the case of such Student be laid before the Board at its first session after that suspension; inasmuch as the Gen Synod have vested in this Board the power to remove immoral or incompetent Students; and that the State Clerk transmit to each of the Professors a Copy of the above resolution

Resolved, that is inexpedient to demand tuition money from any of the Students of the Theological College

Resolved that Mr Hardenbergh be a Committee to procure all the receipts given by the Students who have received money in aid of their Theological studies since June 4th 1816; and that the Book of receipts be kept by the State Clerk, and produced at every meeting of this Board

Resolved that the President recommend to the Students of the present Senior Class when they receive their Professorial certificates, to retire to their respective Classes for Licensure

Adjourned to meet tomorrow morning at half past 8 O'Clock

Tuesday morning half past
8. O Clock -

Resolved that the Board do now proceed to the Theological Hall to examine the Students.

The Students were accordingly examined in the morning on Didactic, Polemic, and Pastoral Theology, and after a recess ~~[illegible]~~ the examination was continued on Ecclesiastical History, Jewish Antiquities, Exegetic Theology, Biblical Literature, and the Hebrew Language; and heard Mssrs Baldwin and Wiedman, members of the Senior Class, preach discourses, after which resolved on a recess for divine service.

The Rev. W. Eltinge preached a sermon from 2. Cor 5. 10. 1. After the recess.

The committee of appropriations presented the following report, which was adopted viz

The committee of appropriation respectfully report to the Board, that they have attended to the applications made to them by the Students for aid, and that they request that the sum of Six Hundred and Seventy Dollars be placed at the disposal of the Committee to enable them to aid the following persons Vtz, Herman B Stryker who is a man of family with $200. Paul Wiedman with $82.12½. Jared Dewing with $81.79. John McClure with $132.25. Isaac S Ketchum with $95. and Joseph Wilson with $70

The Committee further report that applications have been made to them for aid to Douw Van Olinda to the amount of his

board and for aid to Albert Slingerlandt to the amount of $100 Mannum. As these persons are not now members of the Theological College; the Committee recommend that the Board cause them to be informed that whenever they shall have been received into the College, they may rely on receiving aid to the extent of their reasonable expectations

All which is submitted

(Signed) Jas S Cannon Chair

Adjd. to meet to morrow morning at 8 O'Clock.

Wednesday morning 8 O'Clock

Resolved that the Rev. Chas Hardenbergh preach at the next meeting of the Board in New Brunswick, and that the Rev. Gilbert R Livingston be his Secundus

Resolved that this Board do meet at this place, the first monday in September next at 5 O'Clock P.M.

Resolved that the Rev Drs Cannon and Brodhead; and the Revs Mssrs Chas Hardenbergh Selah S Woodhull and C. C Cuyler, be a Committee whose duty it shall be to arrange a plan for the internal regulation of the Theological College, and a set of rules in relation to the Library, and that they report to this Board at their Session in Septr next

Resolved that the Professors be requested to inform all applicants to them for admission into the Theological College, that the Board will expect to receive such applications at their meeting in New Brunswick on the first Monday of September next; and that the Stated Clerk be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Professors.

The Board resolved to repair to the College to proceed in the examination of the Students. Having heard the remaining members of the Senior Class deliver specimens of Sermonizing; that Class were examined on the Greek Language and their views in entering the ministry. Whereupon,

Resolved that the examination of the following Students, members of the Senior Class be sustained, and that they be recommended for a Professoral certificate, preparatory to their licensure Viz, Eli Baldwin Jared Dewing, Isaac Fisher, Gabriel Ludlow, John Van Lieuw Abraham J Swits Paul Wiedman, Isaac Ferris

Resolved that Mr Richard V. Dey be received as a Student of the Theological College his Theological term to be dated from the time of his making a profession of religion.

Resolved that the examination of John J Pells be considered satisfactory by this Board

Resolved that the Rev: C. C. Cuyler, Wilhelmus Eltinge, and Gilbert R Livingston be a Committee to consult and advise with Mr Pells in relation to his present situation

Resolved, that the Professors be requested severally to report in writing to this Board at the opening of their meeting in May annually, the state of the School, and an account of the conduct, and attention of the Students during the session of the School and that the Stated Clerk send to each of the Professors a copy of this resolution.

The Committee appointed to draft a report to Genl Synod, presented the following which was adopted. viz.

"The Committee appointed to draft a report to Genl Synod, present the following viz

The Board of Superintendents, in obedience to the order of Genl Synod, present to that Rev: Body, the following as their annual report

In compliance with the resolution of Synod, passed at their meeting in June last, the Board met in the City of New Brunswick on the first day of September AD 1819, that being the time appointed by Synod for opening the Theological School; and they take the liberty of expressing to Synod the gratification which they felt on finding the Seminary under their superintending care, again furnished with an additional Professor; the Rev: Mr Ludlow having been installed in his office, agreeably to the order of Synod. That the Great Head of the Church may strengthen him; still farther qualify him for the duties of his office; and make him a lasting blessing to the Institution over which he presides, is the sincere prayer of the Board.

The School was not opened on the first day of September last as was ordered by the Synod. The Junior Professor informed the Board, that in consequence of his late appointment to his office he had not been able to make such preparations as he conceived were necessary for a profitable

discharge of the duties assigned him; and submitted to the Board the propriety of delaying the commencement of the Session until the first of November. Such delay the Board did not feel at liberty to authorise; nor did they in their official capacity authorise it. Although they felt constrained, as Individuals, to assent to its propriety. Still they believed that under existing circumstances and with the assurance that the indulgence was asked, and expected for the time being only, the Synod would not hesitate to give to the course pursued their approbation.

The intimation having gone abroad that the School would not be opened as early as contemplated by the Synod; the consequence was that at the time when the Board met, no applications except in three instances, were made for admission; which rendered it necessary for the Board to hold an adjourned meeting on the 1st day of November; which they accordingly resolved to do. On the day appointed, no Board appeared; no arrangements, or appropriations respecting the School were made; the whole care thereof consequently devolved upon the Professors; And the Board are happy to state, that its concerns have been so managed by them, that no serious inconvenience has been experienced during the Session.

On the 22d day of May 1819. the Board held their annual meeting for the purpose of superintending the examination of the Students in the College. The following is a list of the Students who were examined Viz. Eli Baldwin, Jared Dewing, Isaac Fisher, Gabriel Ludlow, John Van Lieuw, Abraham J Swits, Paul Wiedman, Isaac Ferris. Of the first Class. —— Maurice W Dwight

Jacob Bruyn Ten Eyke, Isaac S Thetchum, Peter P. Bouse, Joseph Wilson Of the Second Class — John McClure Richard [illegible] Herman B Stryker, John Van Derveer, Richard Wynkoop, Benjamin C Taylor Of the third Class —

Mr Seymour Vonk of the first Class, and Mr Samuel Van Vaghten who had attended a great part of the Session, were from unavoidable circumstances not present at the examination.

As the Gentlemen of the third Class had been informally admitted into the Seminary they were, on producing the proper testimonials of their Church Membership, and of their Classical attainments, accredited by the Board as members of the School

In attending to the examination of the Students, the Board were well satisfied with the proficiency which they had made in the various branches to which they had attended, and it is with pleasure they state to Synod, that the specimens exhibited to them, evinced both the ability, and faithfulness of the Professors; and the diligence of the Students

The above named young Gentlemen of the first Class, having completed their course of study, were recommended for Professoral certificates.

Appropriations have been made for the relief of Indigent Students to the amount of $[illegible] in the following proportions viz. To one Student who has a family $200. To another $82.19½ To another $81.79. To another $[illegible] To another $[illegible] To another $70. — Applications were made in behalf of two other young Gentlemen; for one the sum of $100. And for the other the amount of [illegible] board, annually; to which the Board have [illegible] themselves to attend whenever they shall have been received into the College

The Board respectfully suggest to Synod:

1. The propriety of making it the duty of the Board and Professors, to require of applicants for admission into the Theological College who do not produce a Diploma; testimonials of such attainments as would entitle them to such a diploma.

2. To enjoin it on the Board of the Corporation of Synod to collect all monies due from persons who have received, or may receive aid from the Theological funds; and who have connected, or hereafter may connect themselves with other denominations within the time specified in the order of Synod.

There are at present two vacancies in Board, occasioned by the election of the Rev: John Ludlow to the Professoral office: and the resignation of the Rev: Stephen Dr Rowan, who has connected himself with another denomination. (Signed) By order of the Board. John M Bradford Pres. William McMurray Sec.

Theol. Hall May 24th 1820

Adjourned to meet on the second Thursday in June, at the Call of the President in the City of New York

Closed with prayer

The Board of Superintendents met in the City of Albany at the call of the President on the 19th day of October 1820, and was opened with prayer by the President

Present

The Rev. Drs John M. Bradford President
— Philip Milledoller
— James S. Cannon
Rev. Mfrs Jacob Schoonmaker
John Dewitt

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Wilhelmus Eltinge
John Cornelison
Cornelius C Cuyler

Resolved, that the Rev. C.C. Cuyler be Clerk p.t.

Resolved, that the Rev. Dr. J.S. Cannon and the Rev. Messrs. Schoonmaker & Eltinge be a committee to digest and report the business which is necessary to be transacted by the Board at its present session

Resolved that this Board have a recess & meet at the call of the President.

After a recess the Board met

Present

Rev. Dr. Philip Milledoller 130
Rev. Peter Labagh 3
Wilhelmus Eltinge 6
John Cornelison 129
Cornelius C Cuyler

The President being absent, Resolved that Dr Milledoller be President pro tem.

The Committee of Digest made the following report which was adopted, viz.

The Committee of reference beg leave to report, that in their opinion it will be necessary for the Board of Superintendents to make appropriations for the assistance of five indigent students in the Theological College, until next spring, and would recommend the sum of $250 to be put at the disposal of the Committee of appropriation for this purpose; three of said students are among those who were assisted by the board.

During

[illegible] Session. The fourth is Mr. Abraham [illegible] who at the last Session of Gen: Synod was commended to the care & charity of this Board, while he prosecuted his Theological studies for one year at New Brunswick. The fifth is Mr. Jacob C. Sears a Graduate of Union College, whose case has been submitted to the Board by Gen: Synod at their present session.

Your Committee would further observe that Mr. Van Olinden has made application for admission into the Theological College, but his proficiency in Classical education being rather unsatisfactory, he ought in the opinion of your Committee to pursue his literary studies at least one year longer, to which he has been advised; and he has consented to do so, provided he can be assisted from the Van Bunschoten fund.

There have been two other applicants for admission into the Theological College viz. Mr. Van der Veer, & Mr. Terry; their certificates, as those of the aforesaid Mr. Jacob C. Sears, are amply satisfactory, and your Committee recommend, that the Board unite with the Professors in admitting them.

Lastly, your Committee recommend the following application to be made to the Gen: Synod by the board in behalf of Mr. Van Olinden, viz. Whereas Mr. Van Olinden of approved talents & piety, wishes to prosecute his literary studies for one year with a view of entering into the Theological College, and is not possessed of requisite means to defray his expenses, the board of Superintendents, to whom he has submitted his case, recommend him to Gen: Synod as a fit person to be assisted from the Van Bunschoten fund.

(Signed) J. Cannon
W. Eltinge
J. Schoonmaker

Resolved that the Clerk lay the case of Van Hinden before Gen. Synod

Adjourned

Signed C. C. Cuyler Clerk, P.T.

The Board of Superintendents met in the City of New Brunswick Dec. 28th 1821.

Opened with prayer

Members present.

Dr. Dr. Phil. Millestone
— Messrs. D. Lubagh
J. Cornelison
W. Ellinge
J. S. Woodhull
C. Hardenberg
Wm. McMurray
Dr. J. S. Cannon
C. C. Cuyler

The Dr. Doc. Millestone was appointed President Pro. Tem.

Resolved that the Secretary informs the Professors that the Board is now in Session and prepared to receive any communication they may have to make

Resolved that Doc. Millestone together with Messrs. McMurray and Hardenberg be a committee to prepare a report from this Board to the General Synod

[illegible]

A. B.

Mr Day has attended to his Theological Studies with greater assiduity and success than in the preceding year and appears to be now sincerely engaged in his work. upon his examination it can be ascertained to which Class he is to be attached - as to his conduct it has been too much marked with levity and want of Gravity -

Mr Wynkoop has habitually during the last year and still more throughout the present session neglected the Lectures, and at the revisals and preparatory examinations has not attended at all. He gives no evidence of Study or of Zeal and regard to the duties of his Station. The Superintendents will determine in which Class if in any he must be ranked. his moral conduct is wholly unimpeachable

If the Superintendents think proper these two gentlemen may with propriety be continued in the Second Class

All the other Students have been [illegible] and in [illegible] respect conducted themselves with propriety and in an orderly Manner

J. H. Livingston
John Ludlow

[illegible]

The Students of the Senior Class presented written discourses for the examination of the Board, and the Members of the Senior Class having read discourses and having been examined on their Studies in entering the Ministry and on Personal Religion

Resolved that the examination of [illegible] the members of the Senior Class be [illegible] and that they be recommended for Professorial Certificates preparatory to licensure viz Alexander W. Dwight, James [illegible] [illegible] Drew [illegible] Peter P. Rouse Joseph H. [illegible] Seymour [illegible] [illegible]

The Committee appointed on the Com[illegible]

[illegible]

The committee of appropriation made the following report which was adopted

That they have appropriated to the relief of the following students the sums annexed to their names — Mr. Mr. [illegible] 120 Dollars and 35 Dollars in arrears — Mr. Fort $ 39 Mr. Blair $ [illegible] — Mr. Stryker $140 and $[illegible] in arrears — Mr. [illegible] $ 20 — Mr. Wilson $ 120

Resolved that $ 8[illegible] be put at the disposal of the Committee of appropriation to meet the above —

The following report was prepared by the Committee appointed for the purpose to be forwarded to the General Synod

The Board of Superintendents present to General Synod the following as their annual report

The Board not having convened in September a meeting was held at the call of the President in Albany in October last at which meeting $ 2[illegible] were put at the disposal of the Committee of appropriation for the assistance of five Indigent Students and it was resolved to recommend to General Synod Mr. [illegible] Olinda a young man of approved Talents and Piety who wishes to prosecute his literary Studies for one year with a view of entering the Theological College, and is not possessed of the requisite means to defray his expenses, as a fit Person — to be assisted from the

Van Dunscholen [illegible]

The [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] attend [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] the Students [illegible] Professors [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Students [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

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[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
Joseph [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
Samuel Van [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

[illegible]

William [illegible]
[illegible] Van [illegible]
Samuel [illegible]
Wm [illegible]

The Students of the third [illegible] not been [illegible] [illegible] at the commencement of the Session [illegible] by the Professors [illegible] [illegible] the

The young men in the several Classes were examined on ecclesiastical History Exegetic Theology Critica Sacra, Jewish antiquities Polemic Didactic and Pastoral Theology and the Hebrew and Greek Languages, and presented written discourses for the inspection of the Board — and the Superintendents are happy to have it in their power to state that throughout the examination the Students generally exhibited a pleasing proof of their application and diligence & of their proficiency in the several branches of Theological Education. and that the extended System of Instruction now introduced and thus far successfully pursued, promises a highly beneficial result, in preparing men for the Ministry who shall not need to be ashamed, being qualified rightly to divide the word of truth.

The young gentlemen of the first Class having completed their course of Study and having on their examination given satisfactory evidence of being duly qualified for the work of preaching the Gospel, were recommended for professoral certificates preparatory to Licensure.

At this meeting, $ 500 were appropriated for the assistance of Indigent Students in the following proportions — to two $ 120 each — to another $ 120 and $ 35 in arrears — to another $ 130 — to another $ 87 — to another $ 40 & $ 47 in arrears

In these appropriations the Board have endeavored to consult the strictest Economy considering themselves equally called upon to do so from a sense of justice to those who contribute to the support of the Institution, and that the means put at their disposal may be productive of the greatest possible good.

In closing their report of the three proceedings during the year past and their labors as a Board of Superintendence over that seminary which is the hope of our Sion, they cannot refrain from expressing their solicitude for its prosperity. It is to be regretted that while its internal state has never been more prosperous than at present, and the prospect of supplying our churches with a learned and able Ministry never more promising that its operations should be embarrassed by the inadequacy of its funds. The state of its pecuniary concerns is such as to excite the most serious apprehension. The statement of this fact it is earnestly hoped will call forth a Paternal regard from the synod and liberality of support from the Churches which the importance of the Institution to the interests of the Sedimentary Kingdom demands and its respectable character merits.

Our Churches have the means and it is obvious that nothing farther is necessary, than the united and healthy efforts of our own denomination, under the blessing of the blessing of the head of the church

to give it an eminence in every respect among those Seminaries which are rising into respectability and usefulness, and are shedding their glory on our Land. They cannot doubt that the Lords own hand has planted it, and nourished it thus far, and that he who hath hitherto blessed it and made it a fruitful source of joy and of good to our Churches, will not abandon it, but will give it increasing fruitfulness and prosperity. They are confident that they express a common sentiment when they say that with the interests of the Theological College is connected the rise or fall of the Reformed Dutch Church. As they love that Church and pray for its establishment, let all its parts rally to its support in the name of the Lord and through the Lords blessing and strength it will prosper.

By order of the Board

Theological Hall
New Brunswick
May 29th 1821

Phil. Milledoler Pres. pro Tem.
William M. Murray Sec.

[illegible] Board of Superintendents met
[illegible] New Brunswick Sept 4th 1821
[illegible] with prayer
[illegible] present
[illegible] Mathews
[illegible] DeWitt

— Cornelius C. Cuyler
John De Witt
David Parker
John S. Vredenberg
Peter [illegible]
[illegible]

The Rev. Dor. Jacob Brodhead was chosen President. The Rev. Dor. Brodhead not being present, The Rev. Mr. Parker took the Chair Pro. Tem. The Rev. John De Witt was chosen Secretary and the Rev. Francis Vredenberg was chosen Stand [illegible]

A Communication was presented to the Board from John S. Pells praying a [illegible] in his [illegible] which was [illegible] to the present [illegible]

Resolved that Mr. Pells [illegible] not granted in view of the [illegible] of the Board of Superintendents on the evidence then adduced and [illegible] reports injurious to his moral [illegible] are still receiving: And that he and is hereby dismissed from the Theological School.

Resolved that the Clerk [illegible] to Mr. Pells a certified copy of the [illegible] Resolution

Rev. John De Witt obtained [illegible] of absence during the [illegible] of the Session and the Rev. Thos. De Witt was appointed Clerk pro. tem.

The following recital and resolution

were moved and [illegible].

The Board of Superintendents in their Session of Nov. 18 8 having been informed that some Students of the Theological College have [illegible] [illegible] passed the following Resolution — Resolved that the Board highly disapprove of said [illegible] and that no Student be allowed either to preach or lecture unless under the immediate inspection of the professor or professors, and that a copy of this Resolution be furnished professors Livingston and [illegible] [illegible] for the Information of Students [illegible] Phineas Richard S. Dey having violated said Resolution and after having been admonished and prohibited by both his Professors on that subject and has of late in repeated instances transgressed in the same manner and also having been admonished by this Board at their last Session on the Civility and Indiscretion of his conduct which admonition he has disregarded therefore

Resolved that the Parent or Guardian of Mr Dey be requested by letter by the Pres. of this Board to withdraw him from this Institution for the present Session

Resolved that Dr Milledoler Mr Mc Murray and Mr Matthews be a Committee to deal faithfully and affectionately with Mr Dey

Mr Jonathan F. Morris a Member of the Reformed Dutch Church at Somerville in indigent circumstances produced an-

dentials of Church-membership and literary attainments and made application for admission into the Theological College and for assistance in prosecuting his studies -

Resolved that Jonathan F. Morris be and is hereby received as a member of the Theological School and that he be recommended to the Trustees of Queens College for the benefit of Miss Knox's legacy to the amount of $.20 per annum.

Asa Bennet - Benjamin Van Neuren Stephen Meeker Dow Van Olinden Elbert Slingerland William Crookshank and Abram Messler, produced Testimonials of their Church-membership and literary qualifications and were received as members of the Theological Seminary.

Resolved that Mr Slingerland be allowed the sum of $100 to assist him in the prosecution of his Theological Studies

Mr Van Olinden having made application for additional assistance beyond the sum allowed him by general Synod - Resolved that this board have not the power to grant any allowance beyond the limitation of general Synod and that they consider the sum allowed sufficient.

Resolved that John S. Vredenberg Peter Labagh. John L. Zabriskie James M. Matthews & Charles Hardenberg be a committee to attend to the admission

of Students in the Theological College during the recess of the Board of Superintendents.

Resolved that Mr Woodhull be requested to forward the balance of $300 on the original draft to Dr J. S. Cannon to be appropriated according to the former directions of the Board.

Resolved that the Rev. Professor Ludlow be appointed Librarian and that he be requested to draw up rules for the management of the Library to be laid before the Board of Superintendents at their next meeting.

Resolved that in attending the Professor on didactic Theology the Junior Class be considered as auditors and not subject to an examination on his lectures at the close of the first session.

Resolved that the following be recommended as the order of Study in the Theological College

Order of Study in the Theological College at New Brunswick

Monday { Dr Livingston on didactic Theology at 12 o'clock - the whole College.
Prof. Ludlow on Hebrew at 4 o'clock Middle and Senior Classes.

Tuesday { Prof. Ludlow on Greek at 12 o'clock Whole College

Wednesday — Ex Livingston on Didactic Theology at 12 o'clock Whole College
Prof. Ludlow on Hebrew at 4 o'clock Junior Class

Thursday — Prof. Ludlow - Jewish Antiquities Critica Sacra, Analysis of Sacred Scriptures including the history of the old Testament Church, Cronology Sacred Geography Canon of Scripture particularly the New Testament, at 12 o'clock - Junior Class -
Prof. Ludlow - History of the New Testament Church Hermeneutica at 4 o'clock - Senior Class

Friday — Mr. Livingston on Didactic Theology at 12 o'clock - Whole College
Prof. Ludlow on Composition at 4 o'clock - Whole College divided into four Sections

Saturday — Prof. Ludlow on Hebrew at 12 o'clock Junior Class
Both Professors - Preaching at the Church at 3 o'clock - Whole College -

Resolved that Mr. Labrishie be appointed to receive and pay to the Indigent Students any Moneys put into his hands for the Purpose according to the directions of this Board.

Resolved that the President and Clerk draw in favor of Mr. Labrishie on the Treasurer of the Board of Cor-

-poration for the sum of $100 for the support of Indigent Students

The Rev James M. Matthews was appointed to preach the Sermon before the Board of Superintendents at their Stated Session in May next, and the Rev. Thos. De Witt was appointed his Secundus

Closed with Prayer —

The Board of Superintendents met at New Brunswick 23d. Oct. 1821 at the Call of the President

The meeting was opened with prayer

Members present

Rev Doctr. Brodhead
Milledoler
— Messrs. P. Labagh
J. V. C. Romeyn
J. L. Zabriskie
Wm. McMurray
J. M. Matthews

The Rev Mr. Mathews was appointed Clerk Pro. Tem.

The President informed the Board that he had called the present meeting in consequence of an application for that Purpose from the committee appointed at the last meeting to deal with Mr. Day-

The minutes of the last meeting on the case of Mr. Dey were read, after which the committee presented the following report which was accepted -

The committee to whom was referred the case of Rich. V. Dey beg leave to offer the following communication to the Board.

That agreeably to their appointment they have had an interview with Mr. Dey and entered with him into a full and free conversation on those points on which it appeared that he had been induced from prosecuting his Theological course in the Seminary. Mr. Dey stated to the committee that on the first charge, namely that of disobedience to the Board his teaching he was prepared to say before the committee certain certificates which would go to show that he had taken no liberties on this subject but such as have been permitted in other instances, both in our own Seminary and in other Theological Institutions and that on the second charge of continued laxity and indiscretion, notwithstanding the admonition formerly given him by the Board he could solemnly assure the committee that he knew of no one particular instance of laxity on his part on which any new charge could be

pounded, or any sentence against him he passed - The committee having heard Mr Day and examined his certificates, learning also ascertained that he was absent from New Brunswick when the board last met - and therefore could ~~not~~ have no opportunity of answering any charges or specifications of charges brought against him. Apprehending also that in all cases of charges involving the moral character and consequently affecting the reputation of a student belonging to this seminary that examination should always be had and proofs adduced of such charges either before the Board or before the Church with which he is connected - Learning also taken into consideration the possible and even probable consequences of Mr Day's suspension as it now stands recorded on your minutes, both to himself, and to the seminary, have deemed it advisable to call the present meeting of the Board to submit to them the documents in this possession, and to refer the whole case to their reconsideration and decision -

Phil. Milledoler
Wm McMurray
James M. Matthews

New Brunswick
Oct 23d 1821

With the foregoing report the committee presented the following certificates

I do hereby certify that Mr. R. V. Dey of the Theological Seminary at New Brunswick delivered at my request a short discourse or exhortation in the family Room of Garrit Voorhees at Six Mile Run in a way usually pursued by Students both of Princeton and New Brunswick when they have lectured in my congregation Mr. Dey has never occupied my Pulpit and so far as I know has behaved with propriety – Six Mile Run Sept 9th 1821

Jas. S Cannon

This certifies that on one of the Sabbaths in July Rich. V. Dey at my request delivered an Exhortation to the Congregation under my Charge, Correct in regard to Sentiment and with the restrictions under which the privilege has been granted to the Students of the Senior Class Mr. Dey neither announced a Text nor ascended the Pulpit, nor pronounced the Benediction, and performed nothing as matter of favor towards myself and my People (deprived at that season of my services) at Nassau, than what I have done myself while a Student with the knowledge and tacit consent of my Instructors and what to the best of my knowledge and according to Information previously received was at this time at Brunswick matter of Injunction

James Romeyn

New Brunswick Sep 10th 1821

I certify that Mr Richard V. Day did lecture in our Lecture Room on Sunday evening some time in the month of July last in which he took no text, and closed his lecture by singing the Doxology nor has he at any time preached from the Pulpit of the first Reformed Protestant Dutch Church in this city

C. D. Townsend
Member of the Consistory and one of the Church Masters of Sd Church

Albany 9th Sep 1821

I certify that the facts set forth in the preceding certificate are true and that the said Mr Richard V. Day lectured at the time and place above alluded to by my invitation and request

Abraham Townsend
a Professing Member in the above Church

Albany
9th Sept 1821

I certify that the facts stated in the preceding certificates are true

Garret Gates

Albany
9th Sep 1821

I do hereby certify that Mr Richard V. Day has lived in my family since the close of the last Session and it is with the greatest [illegible] I do declare that his conduct during that time has been marked with the strictest decorum and a high sense of honor. And I do further

declare that I know this to be the sentiments of a great part of the Respectable portion of this Community who had the Pleasure of his acquaintance

New Brunswick Danl. Kemper
Sept. 11th 1821

I do hereby certify that I was in the Church of the Rev Dor. Griffin at Newark when Richard V. Day delivered a Sermon or Lecture in the afternoon and as far as I can now remember it was on the 1st Day of July 1821. on that occasion he did not enter the Pulpit, but delivered the same from the Reading-desk below the Pulpit Dor Griffin was present at the Time and Sat near him. Lest any difficulty or question should arise as to the precise day I beg leave further to add that he never officiated at Newark, in any place except on one occasion and then in the Church of Dr Griffin

Newark Anth. Day
8th Sept. 1821

Resolved that the Resolution passed at the last meeting of the Board relative to Mr Richard V. Day be rescinded

The following Resolution was then passed

Inasmuch as the charges against Mr. Richard S. Dey have not been prosecuted to conviction, either before this Board or before the church to which he is amenable and as it is a universally acknowledged principle that no man, in matters involving moral character shall be condemned without a hearing and moreover as by several certificates presented to this Board it appears that Mr. Dey has not been so culpable in relation to prohibited public preaching as has been supposed; therefore

Resolved that the act of suspension of Mr. Dey be repealed and that he be and hereby is restored to his former standing in the Seminary, and that copies of the above resolution be transmitted to the Professors and Mr. Anthony Dey his Father

Mr. Samuel Centre, having shown from regular certificates that he had passed one session in the School of the Associate Reformed Church, was admitted as a Student of the 2nd year and Mr. John V. Garretson was admitted as a Student of the 1st year

Application for pecuniary aid was made by R. J. Blair, H. B. Stryker and Samuel Centre

Resolved that Mr. Zabriskie

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be directed to pay to Mr Stryker $100 - to Mr Blair $50 - and to Mr Carter $100 -

Resolved That the committee appointed at the last meeting for the admission of Students during the recess of the Board be discharged and that Doctor Brodhead and Mr Labagh be a committee for that purpose.

The Board having received information of the Death of their respected and beloved brother the Rev Charles Hardenberg since the last meeting

Resolved that the Rev William Mc Murray be appointed Stated Clerk in his room

Closed with Prayer

At a meeting of the Board of [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

Rev Dr [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

The Rev. Dr Brodhead the President not being present The Rev Dr Milledoler was chosen President Pro Tem.

The minutes of the Extra-ordinary and also those of the last Senate Meeting were read.

The following students were reported by Professor McKenzie [illegible] Theses [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

First Year

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

Second Year

[illegible]

[illegible]

William [illegible]

Third Year

Washington [illegible]

William [illegible]

John [illegible] Nelson

[illegible] Stephens

[illegible] Vandenberg

[illegible] Van [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] Brown

Fourth Year

Stephen H. Parker

Duane Van Blinder

Jacob C. Sears
Elbert Slingerland
[illegible]
John A. Yates.

The following Rep[illegible] from the Junior Professor was received and read -

The Board of Superintendent of the Theological College.

In compliance with a resolution of the Board at their Meeting in May 1820 requesting from the Professors severally an account of the State of the Institution the following is respectfully submitted.

There at Present twenty five Students in the Theological College. A. V. Dey [illegible] Van Vechten, J. Van De Veer, Stryker Taylor, Wynkoop of the Senior Class - F. Van De Veer Blair Center of the Second Class - Meeker Yates Van Alinda Bennet Brook - Shaw Slingerland Janetson Sears Abeel Van Kuren, S. Wynkoop Morris, Messler Fitzgerald Flandinburgh, the Junior Class.

It is gratifying to communicate to the Board that there has been generally during the Session a diligent attention to the exercises of the Institution and an increased regard to the cultivation of Vital Piety

Partial absence from the Institution and its exercises has in every case been owing to ill health or unavoidable necessity. This improvement in the general conduct and punctuality of the Members of the College is in a great measure attributable to a Resolution of the Board at their Meeting in September [illegible] requiring every Individual to [illegible] excuse for every absence.

In connection with this statement of the General Character of the Institution there are circumstances connected with Individual cases, which deserve the consideration of the Board.

Mr Taylor a member of the Senior Class in consequence of ill health left the Institution in Feby Cart. During his absence he was dangerously ill. Through the [illegible] he has however been so far restored as to be able to return at the close of the session. But his feeble state of health renders him unable to attend the examinations both before the Board and Classes. He requests that the former may be dispensed with, that his strength may be spared to attend the latter. This request is in perfect [illegible] with our feelings, and [illegible] more so because Mr Taylor has ever been a diligent and faithful Student high in the estimation of his Instructors.

[illegible] Wynkoop [illegible]

the same [illegible]

those Gentlemen [illegible]

have prosecuted [illegible]

ever since the [illegible]

the [illegible]

[illegible]

department [illegible]

-tee of Senior consideration [illegible]

Whether the Delinquencies [illegible]

years [illegible] the privileges [illegible]

during that time [illegible]

-tention to [illegible]

[illegible] the consistency [illegible]

that they be [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

Course.

In the Middle [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

from examination in my department.

Want of health is his excuse [illegible]

[illegible] during the [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] to attend [illegible]

studies [illegible] the [illegible]

[illegible] to the [illegible]

[illegible] the Junior class Mr. Hardenbergh is absent he was called away the last of April on the illness of his [illegible] he has promised faithfully to pursue his studies during his absence.

[illegible] the Board requesting me to draw up Rules for the government of the Library and report them [illegible] has been Communicated.

[illegible]

Rules of the Library

1. The Library shall be statedly opened every [illegible] [illegible] after the recitation.

2. [illegible]

[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Quarto	4	"
Octavo	3	"
Duodecimo	2	"

3. [illegible]

[illegible]

4. [illegible] during the [illegible]

5. [illegible] 1 Vol. to be taken at a time [illegible] with the privilege of [illegible] the [illegible] Volumes

2. Commentators [illegible] general [illegible] to be [illegible] one week with the [illegible] of receiving them [illegible] the application [illegible] reader for the same volume

3. [illegible]

4. [illegible] until required [illegible]

6. Any Person retaining [illegible] shall [illegible] at the [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] at his discretion [illegible] the above [illegible] contained [illegible] to procure a new copy in taking the damaged copy [illegible]

2. The books to be [illegible] taken [illegible] except with the permission of the [illegible]

Resolved that the [illegible] the senior Professor [illegible] following Resolution of the Board of 1820

Sir - Resolved that the Professors be requested severally to report in writing to this Board at the opening of this meeting in May annually the State of the School and an account of the conduct & attention of the students during the session of the School & that the Stated Clerk send to each of the Professors a copy of this Resolution.

The Rev. Messrs. Snyder and Labagh were appointed a committee to prepare the annual Report.

Resolved that the Board will attend to the examination of the Students this evening in the Hall from 7 o'clock till 9 o'clock.

Resolved that the Clerk of this Board be directed to inquire of the Professors whether the Resolution passed at the meeting of 8 Mo. 18 8 relative to the preaching and lecturing of Students has been complied with during the last session.

Resolved that the Rev. Messrs. Labagh and Dewitt be a committee to examine and report to this Board what money is due from persons who have studied in our Seminary received by them on loan.

Resolved that the Report of Professor Ludlow be now considered by section.

Resolved that Mr. Lay's examination be dispensed with this evening.

Resolved That Messrs Woodhull & McMurray and Sewitt be a Committee to report on so much of Professor Ludlow's report as relates to the case of Mr Cey & Wynhoop

Resolved that the Rev Mr Cey be appointed a Committee to consider and report on so much of Professor Ludlow's report as relates to Mr Carter.

Resolved That the consideration of so much of the Professors report as relates to Mr Reidenburgh be deferred till the September session of the Board.

Resolved to repair to the College Hall and proceed to examination of Students - The examination was attended to in part by Professor Ludlow

Adjourned to meet Tomorrow Morning at 8 o'clock. Closed with prayer.

Tuesday Morning 8 o'clock. The Board met and opened with prayer - The minutes of the last sitting were read.

The following communication was received from the Senior Professor and ordered to be inserted on the Minutes

Agreeably to the request of the Board of Superintendants respecting the State of our Theological Institution - and the conduct &

attention of the Students during the past Session I am happy to inform them that by the blessing of the Lord the Institution in all its branches has been cultivated with faithfulness and without interruption. That the conduct of the Students has been correct and exemplary and that they have attended to their Studies with diligence and success

New Brunswick Mar 2[illegible] 18[illegible]

John H. Livingston
Professor of Theology

Resolved that the examination this afternoon by Professor Ludlow commence at half [illegible] and close at half past 6 O'Clock

Dr. Milledoler together with Mr. Woodhull and Mr. Murray were appointed the Committee for appropriating Moneys for the support of Indigent Students

Messrs. Labagh & DeWitt were appointed a Committee to ascertain that Moneys may be obtained for the above purpose.

Resolved That the Rev. J. M. Matthews be appointed to preach the Sermon at the next meeting of the Board and

that Thos. Dewitt be his secundus, and that the Secretary be directed to inform them of this appointment.

The Board having received information of the [illegible] of beloved and respected brother the Rev. John S. Kreidenbergh

Resolved that in the annual Report to General Synod notice be taken of this event together with the death of the Rev. Charles Kreidenbergh mentioned in the minutes of the last meeting.

Professor Livingston commenced his examination on Didactic Theology at 9 o'clock A.M. which was continued to 1 o'clock P.M.

Professor Lucas's examination on Biblical Literature and Church History and Government commenced half part 3 P.M. and was continued till 7 o'clock P.M.

The Committee appointed to examine and report to this Board what money is due on obligation from indigent Students presented the following Report.

The Committee appointed to report to the Board the sums due from former Students who have received aid from the funds, present the following as having given obligations to refund the sums

Richard [illegible]	$ 250
C. Bogardus	450
S. Van Vranken	200
Bragum Floff	250
J. H. Smith	200

Otter Lahagh Chn.

The committee for the admission of students reported as follows

The committee for the admission of Students report that since the last ordinary meeting of this Board the following young Gentlemen have been received into the Theological Seminary, at this place Viz Gustavus Abel. Albert Hilfenstein James B. Hardenburgh Jacob C. [illegible] Jefferson Wynkoop John [illegible]

The Rev Mr Lakeshire made the following communication to the Board Viz. To the Board of Superintendents of the Reformed Dutch Church

[illegible]

The classes of New Brunswick have directed me as their Questor to inform the Board of Superintendents that they have dismissed from their Bring the the following candidates in order to connect themselves with the Presbyterian

[illegible]. Vi[illegible] H. Smeltz, John C. Van Der Voort, Joseph Wilson & Garret Denning

Yours very affectionately
John [illegible] Labus [illegible]
[illegible] of [illegible]

[illegible] 2[illegible]th
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[illegible]

Resolved That the President Pro. Tem. give Information to the Parties now mentioned in the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] in time

Resolved That the President in the name of this Board [illegible] the Treasurer of Queens College to collect the moneys for [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] to [illegible] and [illegible] his [illegible] of his successor.

The following communication was received from [illegible] [illegible]

The Board of Superintendents
of the Theological College

In answer to the resolution of the [illegible] of last evening [illegible]

lution passed at the meeting of Nov. 1818 relative to the Preaching and Lecturing of Students has been complied with during the last Session I can only say it has not.

J. Lee Lord

Mar 28th 1822

Resolved That Professor Lee Lord's communication be referred to committee consisting of the Rev. Dr. Milledoler & the Rev. Messrs. Zabriskie and Mr. Murray

Resolved That Mr. Day do not pass and that the committee to whom his case was referred be instructed to have a conference with him on his situation

Resolved That Mr. Wynhoop do not pass

The committee on the case of Mr. Day having had a conference with him it was resolved by the Board that the committee be discharged

Resolved That Dr. Milledoler be appointed a committee to communicate to Mr. Day Father the reasons on which the resolution of the Board in relation to his son is founded

The Board proceeded to examine the following named students as to their experimental religion and their view in wishing to enter the Gospel Ministry. Whereupon

Resolved That the examination of John McClure Herman B. Stryker

[illegible] Tangier John VanderVeer, and Samuel Van Vechten be [illegible] and that they be recommended for Professional Certificates preparatory to [illegible].

Resolved That the President Pro[illegible] be authorized to call a meeting of the Board during the next meeting of the General Synod in order to receive from the Committee the annual Report of this Board to the Synod and that the Rev. [illegible] be added to that Committee.

The Committee to whom was referred the communication of Professor Ludlow on the subject of Students Lecturing and Preaching Report.

The Committee to whom was referred the communication of Professor Ludlow on the subject of Students Lecturing and Preaching Report. That in the minutes of the Board of Nov. [illegible] they [illegible].

Viz. Resolved That no Student be allowed either to preach or lecture unless under the immediate inspection of a Professor or Professors. Your Committee recommend that [illegible] this resolution.

Switch by the Secretary to the Students of the Seminary to be convened this evening at half part 8 o'clock at the Theological Hall and that they be informed that this Board

[illegible] Resolution

A communication was received from Mr James Stevenson intimating an intention of entering the Theological College and the probability of his requiring assistance

Resolved that the above application be postponed till the autumn Session

The committee of appropriation reported as follows viz

The [illegible]

That they have received a number of applications from Indigent Students for aid and have resolved to recommend to the Board to make the following appropriation

To Mr Slingerland	$ 100
" Mr Clure	125
" Sayler	112 50
" Centre	125
" Blair	125
" Moore	
	592.50

The above sums are inclusive of $100 for money appropriated to Mr Slingerland and not yet paid to him $100 to Mr Stryker $100 to Mr Centre & $50 to [illegible] in the [illegible] sum. In case any of these above last-mentioned sums have been paid the [illegible] is to be deducted from the above appropriations

Ohio Millstone Examiner

Resolved that a draft by the President and [illegible] the Secretary [illegible] the Rev Dr James S Dunnon for four [illegible]

At an adjourned Meeting of the Board of Superintendents held in New York at the call of the President [illegible] June 1822 —

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

... this meeting should be ... appropri-
ated ... the best ... instruments in
the following institutions ... one ... in
to another ... to another ... [illegible]
To two others ... each ... [illegible]
in which appropriations may be ... been
obliged to make considerable deductions
from the ... elementary ...

It must be gratifying to the Synod
as well as every lover of ... to
observe the ... ... of this ... in
our Theological College ... [illegible]
... of the ... [illegible]
... of this institution ... [illegible]
... [illegible] ...
... [illegible] ... present
... [illegible] ... institute
... [illegible] ... sufficient ...
... [illegible] ...
... may be ... [illegible]
exertions of those who ...
... [illegible] ...
... [illegible] ...
... [illegible] ... contribute
to ... [illegible] ...
... [illegible] ... inducements to
... to exertion this Insti-
tution continues ... to ... [illegible]
... It must not be ... that it

cannot [illegible] further

promise alone to augment its resources

its Treasury is completely drained. Who that

feels any anxiety [illegible] the prosperity of [illegible]

Church or desires the glory of our Redeemer

can [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] without anxiety [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Church [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] not [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] suffering this

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] committed [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Will [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] who [illegible]

the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] who his

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] this [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] this [illegible] employ

ment. Will [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] Will they [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] who

they [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] from [illegible] [illegible] of [illegible]

and [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

Men [illegible] [illegible] Will they say to [illegible]

you [illegible] who have devoted themselves to

[illegible] of the ministry [illegible] who [illegible] to

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] to

Your homes and abandon your hopes

of usefulness, or go to other [illegible]

surely our Church [illegible] have felt the
responsibility laid upon them in rela-
tion to this subject as they would
so [illegible] Instances have with [illegible]
their contributions. Let this School of the
Prophets be [illegible], and our [illegible]
Many [illegible] to [illegible]
dust. Let this [illegible] of divine knowledge
[illegible] the walls
of our Jerusalem [illegible] Glory [illegible]
[illegible] What a small offering [illegible]
general one would prevent this dire
result! What a little from our [illegible]
[illegible] Tithe which [illegible] itself
bright [illegible]) would furnish [illegible]
[illegible] to meet [illegible] it [illegible]
is ascertained that [illegible] 10 cent
contribution [illegible] annually [illegible]
[illegible] it would [illegible]
[illegible] endowment
And so would [illegible]
Otherwise [illegible] it is [illegible]
[illegible] our Institution [illegible] which
[illegible] the [illegible] of the [illegible]
for Perpetual Generations! The [illegible]
[illegible] doubt [illegible] Let
the [illegible] of [illegible] their
[illegible] (and) let the General [illegible]
[illegible] their [illegible]

again & again throughout our Stumbling Churches that the Theological College the [illegible] and the [illegible] and the [illegible] must fall into [illegible] unless they arise for its help -

The Board have the Painful duty of Reporting to Synod that since their last annual meeting two of their number the Rev Charles Hardenberg, and the Rev John S. Vredenberg have been called from their [illegible] in the Church Militant to receive their crowns in the Church Triumphant and [illegible] they [illegible] the [illegible] event they would offer the affectionate tribute of their Testimony to their Pie[illegible] [illegible] worth

[illegible] fully Submitted

Phil. Milledoler Pres.t

[illegible]

Wm. McMurray Sec.

Resolved that Dr. Milledoler be discharged from conferring with Mr. Dey's Father on the Reasons for not Paying his Son, and that Mess.rs Engler and Milledoler be a Committee to [illegible] in [illegible] which Mr. Dey & Mr. Hynkoop were not paying [illegible] Certificates for licensure and Schoolmaster at the next Meeting of the Board -

[illegible] the Board [illegible]
[illegible] the Board [illegible] that he [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] the Student with [illegible] [illegible]
through the [illegible] [illegible] and [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] admonished [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] levity and [illegible] [illegible]
Application this recommendation has
carried into effect.

In September of the same year the
Board were informed that Mr Day had violated
the rule of the Board by which students
forbidden to [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
the following proceedings were had

Whereas Richard V. Day having
violated Board resolution and after having
been admonished and [illegible] in both
his professors on that subject and has of
late in repeated instances [illegible] [illegible]
the same manner and also having been
admonished by this Board at their last
session on the levity and indiscretion of
his conduct. Therefore resolved that the
Parent or [illegible] of Mr Day be [illegible]
by letter by the President of this Board [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the
[illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Mr [illegible]
Murray and Mr Matthews be a committee
to deal faithfully with Mr Day.

In October of the same year the

Board was convened at the Request of the above Committee who submitted a Report accompanied by Documents showing that Mr. Dey had not Reached as had been [illegible] for which the following proceedings were [illegible]

"Resolved that the Resolution passed at the last meeting of the Board in relation to Mr. Richard V. Dey be rescinded"

"For a much [illegible] the charges against Mr. Dey have not been prosecuted to conviction either before this Board or before [illegible] to which he is amenable, and as it is a universally acknowledged principle that no man in matters involving moral character shall be condemned without a hearing. And moreover as by several certificates presented to this Board it appears that Mr. Dey has not been so culpable in relation to prohibited public preaching as has been supposed. Therefore Resolved that the act of dissolution of Mr. Dey be repealed and that he be and he hereby is restored to his former standing in the Seminary and that copies of the foregoing Resolution be transmitted to the Professors and to Mr. Anthony Dey his Father"

From the minutes of the Board of May 1822 it appears that the following proceedings were had in relation to Mr. Dey. One of the Professors Recommended Mr. Dey [illegible] unqualified terms with the [illegible]

General - The other Statis - Mr Wynkoop & Mr Day are Members of the same Class (The Senior) During the present Session both the Gentlemen have been Punctual - They have prosecuted their studies with diligence and since the Restoration of Mr Day to the Seminary at the last Meeting of the Board. There has been a gratifying change in his deportment. It is however submitted as matter of serious consideration with the Board whether the delinquencies of the first two years and the improper conduct of Mr Day during that time, entitle either of their Gentlemen to Grace - For my own part a sense of duty constrains me to recommend that they be required to remain another year because I do not consider their attainments such as to justify a contrary course -

Upon this and a kind of Examination had it was resolved that Mr Day do not pass and that the committee to whom his case was referred have a conference with him on his situation" the committee had a conference with him and were then discharged. It was then "Resolved that Dr McCidoler be appointed a Committee to communicate to Mr Day's Father the reason on which the Resolution

of the Board in relation to his son is found
ded — Upon the whole it appears that Mr
Day has been a regular student in the Theolog-
ical College very little more than two years
That during the former part of his attendance
he was inattentive to his studies, and [illegible]
in his attendance on the lectures of the [illegible]
ors — That his conduct was marked with
levity and want of gravity during the [illegible]
[illegible] — That among the same he has seriat-
edly [illegible] a positive rule of the Board
by lecturing — and that although his deport-
ment and attention during the past session
were exemplary and good yet his final
examination was not perfectly satisfactory
and the Board had not the power of dis-
pensing with nearly a year of his required
period of study for regular student — They
[illegible] the recipity which was laid
upon them not to recommend Mr Day for
a [illegible] certificate and they regret it
the [illegible] in Mr Day's reformation
and attention to his studies — They are dec-
idedly of opinion that the character of our
Theological College and Mr Day's reputation
and future usefulness are intimately connected
with his continuance in the seminary for another
year

In addition to what is said of Mr Richard
Von Hoge in the preceding account the follow-
ing appears on the minutes of the Board
of May 1821 in the communication of the

[illegible]

[illegible]

This painful result was evidently [illegible]

however much the Board may dissent [illegible]
result — it was not the one avoided by them —

The above is an outline of the case of
Mr Reynolds & [illegible] in view of them
your committee would recommend to the
Board the communication of the above state-
ments to [illegible] thus
[illegible]

Respectfully submitted

[illegible] E. B. Cooper
Phil. Lindsley

Nassau Hall
June 8th 1822

Resolved that the Board adjourn to meet
at the call of the President at some
time [illegible] the sessions of Synod

Closed with prayer

At an extraordinary Meeting of the
Board of Trustees regularly called by the
President held at Nassau Hall [illegible]
1822 — Members present

Rev. Dr. [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
Woodhull
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] Dewitt
[illegible] Murray
[illegible]

The President being absent Dr. Miller

Peter Labagh

Thomas Dewitt

The meeting was opened with Prayer by the President

In the absence of the Clerk Thomas Dewitt Clerk Pro Tem.

Mr Richard Wynkoop presented a request to be admitted to his examination in view of recommendation for a Professor Certificate

Resolved that his request be granted and that the Professors be requested to conduct the examination before the Board at 7 o'clock this evening at Dr Livingston's

A communication was received from Professor Ludlow notifying to the Board his resignation of the Professorship of Biblical Literature & Ecclesiastical History as follows

To the Board of Superintendents of the Theological College

Reverend Brethren

Having recently accepted an invitation to the Pastoral Charge of the Reformed North Dutch Church in the City of Albany, I do hereby resign the Professorship of Biblical Literature & Ecclesiastical History in the Theological College —

This decision has [illegible]
Reluctance; the increasing embar-
-ment of the funds, and the failure of
Support without the prospect of [illegible]
Relief have tended at [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] with [illegible] of [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] your fellow Seman in the
Gospel
[illegible] [illegible]
New Brunswick
Aug 2nd 1822

A communication was received
from the consistory of the 1st Reformed
Dutch Church at Albany soliciting the
friendly offices of the Board of Superin-
-tendents in expediting the removal of Prof
Ludlow to take the pastoral charge of
[illegible] to which he had accepted

[illegible] [illegible]ication was [illegible]
[illegible] of the Students [illegible]
[illegible] any in the words follo[illegible]
[illegible] the Rev the Board of Superin-
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[illegible] Students of the Theologi[illegible]
[illegible] New Brunswick do hereby
[illegible] how far

the Resolution passed by them, prohibiting from Lecturing extends? Whether it prohibits them from exhorting and speaking in Public on practical subjects in the Neighborhood of New Brunswick? If it does, the Students do request, that the said Resolution be so altered or modified as to allow them the privilege of exhorting and speaking in public on practical subjects in the vicinity of New Brunswick and [illegible] when [illegible] Inspection of any Member of the Board: Provided this privilege be not [illegible] by the said Board contrary to the Constitution of our Church and the Word of God.

For Under [illegible]
Robert J. Be[illegible]
J. B. Vandenberg
Gr[illegible]

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[illegible] Decide [illegible]
[illegible] of Theological Students in Seminary publicly and [illegible]
[illegible] or [illegible]
Resolved. [illegible] they have no [illegible] that Students of the Senior [illegible] should deliver public exhort[illegible]

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Resolved, that [illegible] cannot at present make [illegible] favor of Mr [illegible]

appropriate to him [illegible] will permit next spring.

In relation to Mr. Hudlow's communication it was

Resolved — this Board [illegible] authority to accept of a Professor's resignation — inasmuch as Professors are appointed by General Synod and can be dismissed only by the Board.

Resolved that the Board transmit a copy of the above Resolution to Professor Hudlow and to the Consistory of the [illegible] Dutch Church at Albany.

The Board proceeded to the examination of Mr. Wynhoop. The Professor [illegible] declined to conduct the examination. Mr. Hills [illegible] was appointed to [illegible] the [illegible] in Systematic Theology and Mr. Mathews in Biblical Literature and Ecclesiastical History.

After mature deliberation —

Resolved that Mr. Wynhoop's examination be sustained —

Whereupon Mr. Wynhoop was [illegible] and informed by the President [illegible] decision of the Board, and affectionately exported to the diligent prosecution [illegible] Studies during the approaching [illegible]

Professional Seale New Brunswick
May 2nd 1823. The board met according
to appointment

Members present

Rev Dr Milledoler
S. S. Woodhull
Rev [illegible]
Parker
Eltinge
Cuyler
[illegible] Gelwill
S. Gelwill Mr Murray

The President being absent the Rev Dr
Milledoler was chosen president pro Tem.

The meeting was opened with prayer

The following communications
were received from the professors Livingston
and Ludlow

Agreeably to the request of the
superintendents respecting the State of our
Theological institution and the conduct
and diligence of the Students during
the past Session I am happy to inform
them that by the blessing of the Lord

the Institution in all its branches has been cultivated with faithfulness has suffered no interruption, and is in a prosperous state. The conduct of the students has without any exception, been correct and exemplary and that they have attended to their studies with great diligence and good success

New Brunswick May 20th 8[illegible]

J. H. Livingston
Professor Theol

Students in the Theological college in New Brunswick 1823 –

First Class – Robert Blair
Wm Centre
Ferdinand Van De Veer
Richard Wynkoop –

– He submitted to the advice of the Superintendents in May 1822 and without considering himself any longer a regular student in the Institution says he has diligently prosecuted his studies partly at home and nearly half the session has regularly attended the Theological Lectures and now wishes to be admitted to a public examination

Second class – Gustavus Abeel
William Crookshank
James B. Hardenbergh
Benjamin Van Heuren
Asa Bennet
Abraham Messelaer

Jonathan F. Morris
Stephen H. Meeker
Lowe Van Olinda
Jacob C. Sears
Albert Slingerland
Jefferson Wynkoop
John A. Yates

John C. Garretson Aged Nov 1822

Third Class – Jacob T. B. Beekman
George H. Fisher
Richard D. Van Kleeck
John G. Tarbelle

New Brunswick May 27th 1823
T. H. Livingston
S. S. Theological Professor

The Board of Superintendents of the Theological College

Reverend Brethren

The following is a list of the Students in the Institution at the commencement of the present Session

Senior Class – F. Van Deveer Blair Center

Middle Class – Van Olinda Bennet Crookshank Meeker Slingerland, Sears Abeel, Van Keuren, J. Wynkoop, Messelaer Hardenbergh, Morris, Yates Garretson

Junior Class – Van Kleek, Fisher, Beekman, Tarbelle

Of this number Mr Gauntlett a valuable member of the Institution, has been removed by death. Messrs Blair and Morris were taken ill towards the close of the session and as soon as they became convalescent and their strength would permit they returned to their friends. There has been during the past session more sickness than usual in the Institution. This necessarily occasioned some interruption in the progress of study, but I trust it has not passed away without having been in a good degree sanctified to its members.

Aside from these providential circumstances the past session has been peculiarly pleasant. It is gratifying to inform the Board that the attention to study and the deportment of the members in the Institution has uniformly merited unqualified approbation. And it is hoped that the discipline exercised by the Board at the last session while it has tended very much to elevate the character of the Institution will prevent the pressing necessity for a speedy adoption of similar measures.

Mr Blair who is absent on account of ill health it will be seen is a member of the senior class. It will be for the Board to determine what measures shall be taken relative to his license. I would only suggest that such has been his character and standing during his whole course that under his peculiar circumstances

nothing on my part would prevent
his recommendation to classes but the
formality of an examination

Yours respectfully
John Ludlow

New Brunswick
May 27th 1823

Resolved That the Rev Messrs
T. Dewitt Parker & Eltinge be the Committee of appropriation

Resolved, That the Rev Messrs
T. Dewitt Woodhull & Cuyler be the Committee to prepare the annual Report.

Resolved that the Rev Thos
Dewitt preach the Sermon before the
Board at the next regular meeting and
in case of his absence that the Rev David
Parker be his Substitute.

Resolved that the Board attend
to the examination of the Students on
the branches taught by Professor Ludlow
from 7 o'clock until 9 this evening

Resolved that the examination
be conducted in the presence only of
the Board of Superintendents, the Professors, and the Students.

Mr Winkoop appeared before the
Board and requested to be examined
for recommendation for a professional
certificate. In reply to inquiries made of him
relative to the reasons why he had not
complied with the affectionate exhortation
addressed to him by the Board in
October last that he should diligently

prosecute his studies another Session in the Seminary but had attended on the Lectures of Professor Livingston only a part of the time specified and had entirely neglected the lectures of Professor Ludlow he stated that he considered himself left at liberty to comply with such exhortation or not as he pleased and it being stated to the Board that Mr Wynkoop has manifested motives of personal hostility against him to the Junior Professor Therefore resolved unanimously that there be demanded of Mr Wynkoop a written acknowledgment for his imputing personal hostility to the Junior Professor, as well as for the disrespect which he has manifested in disregarding the exhortation of the Board or he cannot be admitted to an examination

The examination was attended to in part by Professor Ludlow

The case of Mr Dean referred to in the communication of Professor Ludlow was referred to a committee consisting of Messrs Calfin & Labagh

Resolved That the examination by Dr Livingston on didactic Theology be attended to tomorrow from 9 oclock A.M. till 1½ oclock P.M.

Resolved That the examination by Professor Ludlow be attended tomorrow morning at 8 oclock

Adjourned to Wednesday morning at 8 oclock — concluded with prayer

Wednesday May 28th 1823

The Board met according to adjournment and was opened with prayer

The examination of the Students

as Professor Ludlow was resumed and continued until 9½

Professor Livingston then conducted the examination on Didactic Theology until 1½

The Rev John L. Zabriskie and the Rev James S Cannon appeared and took their seats as members of the Board

Professor Ludlow prosecuted his examination on Sacred Criticism and the Hebrew and Greek Languages from 3 oblock P.M. till 5½ oblock.

Ferdinand Van De Veer and Wm Centre having finished their course of Study and having been examined on Ecclesiastical History, Church Government, experimental religion, and their views in entering the Ministry

Resolved, That they be recommended for Professoral Certificates preparatory to licensure

Resolved That the examination of the Students be Sustained

A Communication was received by the Board from Asa Bennet a Student of the Second Class requesting to have the last year allowed and that he be granted a Certificate for licensure - The communication was referred to the Committee on Mr Blair's Case - The Committee reported that his request cannot be granted -

The Committee also reported in the case of Mr Blair, That inasmuch as Mr Blair has completed the regular Period of Study in the Seminary and Sustains a good report from the Professors but has been prevented from Submitting

himself to an examination before the Board of Superintendents at this Session on account of sickness, it be recommended to the General Synod to authorise the professors to give him a professional certificate without an examination before the Board

The Secretary was requested to prepare Dockets for the regulation of business at the autumn & Spring Sessions of the Board -

Mr Bennet made application for an increased appropriation for the coming year Resolved That the Board will make an increased appropriation for his assistance -

The committee of appropriation reported appropriations to the amount of $110 for John Tarbelle and $120 for George M. Fisher

Resolved That a draft issue in favor of James S. Cannon to the amount of $250 to meet the above appropriations

The Committee appointed to prepare the annual Report to the General Synod presented the following which was read and adopted - as follows -

The Committee appointed to prepare the annual Report to be presented to the General Synod by the Board of Superintendents would submit the following.

The Board of Superintendents in obedience to the regulation of General Synod beg leave to lay before them their annual Salement, of the Condition of the Seminary and of their own proceedings, during the past year.

At their Meeting in October last the Board of Superintendents admitted Richard D. Van Kleeck, George M. Fisher John G. Tarbelle, and Jacob T. B. Beekman as Students in the Theological Seminary upon presenting proper Testimonials of their literary acquirements and church Member ship.

The number of students during the present year has amounted to Twenty one. of this number John K. Garretson died in Nov 1822 — The following are the names of the students arranged according to their respective classes —

First Class — [illegible] Blair, William Centre and Ferdinand Van De Veer — second class — Gustavus Abeel, William Crookshank, James D. Flandenburgh, Benjamin Van Kleeven, Asa Bennet, Abraham Messelaer, Jonathan F. Morris, Stephen H. Meeker, Dowe Van Olinda, Jacob Sears, Elbert Stingerland, Jefferson Wynhoop, John A. Yates. Third Class — Jacob J. B. Beekman, George H. Fisher, Richard D. Van Kleeck, John G. Tabbille

The Board attended to the examination of the students of the several classes on Didactic and Polemic Theology Jewish Antiquities, Analyses of Sacred Scripture including the history of the Old Testament Church. Chronology — Sacred Geography, Canon of Scripture, Church History And the Hebrew and Greek Languages &c

The students evinced a satisfactory acquaintance with the several branches of study in which they were examined. And the Board feel gratified in being enabled to state to the General Synod, upon the representation of the Professors that the institution has suffered no interruption, and is in a prosperous state, that the conduct of the students without any exceptions has been correct and exemplary and that they have attended to their studies with great diligence and good success

Ferdinand Van De Veer and

William Centre having finished their course of Study and having been examined on Ecclesiastical history, church government, experimental religion, and their views in entering the Ministry were recommended for professoral certificates preparatory to licensure

Inasmuch as Mr. Robert Dean has completed the regular Period of Study in the Seminary and sustains a good report from the Professors but has been prevented from submitting to an examination before the Board at their session on account of sickness, it is recommended to Gen Synod to authorise the Professors to give him a professoral certificate without an examination before this board

The sum of $110 was appropriated to the assistance of one indigent Student and $120 to another

The Board with the utmost respect and earnestness would suggest to General Synod, the propriety of adopting immediate and efficient measures, not only to secure if possible the sums of Money already subscribed, for the support of the Professorate, concerning which there is some contingency expressed in the last acts of General Synod, but also to draw forth the gifts of the liberal and benevolent in the Northern portions of the Church That embarrassments similar to those which now exist may never again recur, and that it may soon cease to be necessary to call on the members of the churches for annual contributions to support the Seminary —

It is true that in some respects the prospects of the Seminary, through the influence of circumstances with which the Synod are but too well acquainted are at present dark, but to Him upon whose care the interests of that branch of the Protestant Church to which we certain have so long adhered, and by whom it has been supported under the pressure of great evils, and delivered from appalling dangers, we look up, and together with all who love our Zion, we present to him our supplications, that he would conduct and preserve us safely through the critical emergencies into which we are brought.

The Board feel it to be their duty to express their confidence in this institution. It has already proved of essential service to our Church, and we regard it as one of the Bulwarks of our faith. We commend it to the confidence of the churches. We know that the true Doctrines are clearly and faithfully taught. We would hold it up to the view of the churches as an object eminently deserving to be loved and cherished by all who feel an interest in the prosperity and extension of true religion. We pray them to be encouraged. They have sown precious seed. They have gone forth "weeping" but they shall doubtless come again "with rejoicing, bringing their sheaves "with them, and then shall he that "soweth and he that reapeth together

together - for they shall gather fruit unto life Eternal"-

Philip Milledoler Pres. P. T.
John DeWitt Secretary

The minutes were read and approved - Adjourned to meet the first Tuesday in September

Philip Milledoler Pres. P. T.
John DeWitt Sec.

At a Meeting of the Board of Superintendants of the Thological School held at New Brunswick Sept 3d, 1823

Present

Rev Drs James S. Cannon
— William McMurray
Rev. Peter Labagh
John L. Labriskie
— Thomas Dewitt

In the absence of President the Rev Dr James S. Cannon was chosen Pres. Pro. Tem. And the Rev. Thomas DeWitt was appointed clerk

The following Young Gentlemen presented their Credentials Testifying to their literary and Religious qualifications viz - Christian L. Paulison, Abraham S. Labagh Isaac Labagh, John D. Van Wagenen, Cornelius Van Cleef, Charles Whitehead, John Ganetson David Abeel Junr Abram H. Dumont - These Credentials were approved, and they were received as members of the Theological Seminary

Application was made by Robert

Blair for the payment of his expenses during the last year to the amount of $120 and stating that owing to his sickness during the last winter he had been prevented from making application at the meeting in May

Resolved that $100 be appropriated to Mr Blair, and that a draft to that amount be executed on the Treasurer of Gen Synod.

Application was made by Mr Dumont for assistance in the prosecution of his studies and a certificate as to his indigent circumstances from the Consistory of Somerville was presented

Resolved that this Board will appropriate to Mr Dumont $50 for his expenses during the Session now commenced

Application was made by Mr Tarbell for an appropriation of $40 in payment of his expenses during the Summer part

Resolved that in consideration of the Pledge given to Mr Tarbell the sum of $40, making in addition to $110 allowed last Spring $150 be appropriated but that his annual appropriation be hereafter limited to $120 -

Mr May made application for admission into the Seminary. After considering the certificate of Mr Mahon as to his literary qualifications and hearing his own statements - Resolved, that his application be not granted.

Resolved that the Professor of Biblical Literature be authorised to keep six

Hebrew Grammars and draw upon the Treasury for the payment of the same

Resolved That the Rev. Thomas Dewitt Preach the Sermon at the next meeting of the Board of Superintendents and that the Rev David Parker be his Secundus —

Mr Wynkoop appeared before the Board and requested the reconsideration of the resolution of the Board at the last meeting

The following declaration was signed by Mr Wynkoop

I hereby confess that, since Mr Ludlow has disclaimed any hostile ~~intentions~~ feelings towards me at any time, and has declared that he always acted towards me from a regard to duty, I am now convinced that my opinions were wrongly formed, and confess my sorrow for having spoken and acted towards him in the manner I have done

Signed — Richard Wynkoop

Resolved that Mr Wynkoop be directed to place himself in the Seminary until the first of January and that the Professors if they shall deem him qualified be authorised to grant him their professoral certificate

Whereupon Mr Wynkoop requested his dismission from the Seminary —

Resolved That his request be granted and that he and is hereby dismissed

Adjourned to meet on the last Tuesday in May next in the Theological Hall at New Brunswick —

The minutes were read and approved — Closed with prayer

James S. Cannon Pres.

Thos Dewitt Clerk

At a meeting of the Board of Superintendents of the Theological School held at New Brunswick May 25th 1824 - Present -

Rev Drs Broadhead
Meredith
Woodhull
Mathews
McMurray - Cannon

Rev Messrs Eltinge
Cuyler
Zabriskie
Lubach

The meeting was opened with prayer by the Rev Dr Broadhead President of the Board and the minutes of the last meeting were read.

The following communications were presented by the professors - &c

Agreeably to the request of the Board of Superintendents, respecting the State of the Theological Institution, and the conduct and attention of the Students, during the past Session, I am happy to inform them, that by the blessing of the Lord, the Institution, in all its branches, has been cultivated with faithfulness, and without interruption, that the conduct of the Students, has been correct and exemplary; and that they have attended to their Studies with diligence and Success -

New Brunswick
May 26th 1824

John H. Livingston
S.S. Theol. Professor

Students in the Theological College at New Brunswick May 26th 1824.

First Class—

Gustavus Abeel
Asa Bennett
William Cookshank
James A. Hardenbergh
Benjamin Van Kleeck
Stephen H. Meeker
Abram Messalaer
Jonathan F. Morris
David Van Olinda
Jacob C. Lewis
Elbert Slingerland
Jefferson Wynkoop
John A. Yates

Second Class—

Jacob T. D. Beekman
George H. Fisher
Richard D. Van Kleeck
John G. Tarbelle

Third Class—

Fra Condict [illegible]
Henry Beekman
Benjamin D. Westfall
John Garrison
Abraham H. Dumond
Charles Whitehead
Cornelius Van Cleef
David Abeel, Jun
John H. Van [illegible]
Isaac P. Labagh
Abram S. Labagh
Christian [illegible]

The Professor of Biblical Literature, Ecclesiastical History, and Pastoral Theology, respectfully submits to the Board of Superintendents, the following View of the recent condition of the Theological Seminary.

There are twelve members of the Senior class - four of the Middle - and thirteen of the Junior - making up the whole number of Twenty nine. (See names in Dr. Livingston's communications)

The Senior class being the most numerous, and having been fully and ably instructed by the 2nd Professor in Hebrew antiquities, the Canon and Analysis of S.S. and Biblical Sacred, it was deemed desirable to direct their attention during the past Session to those branches of Sacred Learning upon which they had not yet formally entered - accordingly a course of lectures has been delivered to them on Ecclesiastical History, Pastoral Theology, and the general principles of Homeneutics - The Junior class was associated with them in their studies - it is believed that the commencement of the Juniors in these branches of Theological Study will be found to have contributed much to their advancement - as they have thus at an early period been put in possession of great principles in regard to reading the Scriptures, preparing Sermons and the Ministerial office which will continue to serve in their utility through the remainder of their preparatory studies.

In the mean time the whole number of Students has pursued a course

of Instruction in the Hebrew and Greek Scriptures and they have been regularly exercised in the practical parts of the duties of the pulpit.

The demeanor of the Students has been respectful and Pious, Their attendance on the different exercises punctual and regular and their application to Study has ~~been~~ afforded gratification to their Instructors.

Through the blessing of our gracious Lord the Seminary has been highly favored with regard to health and lives of the Instructors and Students. Mr James Hardenbergh of the Senior class has been visited with severe sickness for a few weeks past. At present however he is in a convalescent state and his Illness is still such as to prevent his leaving his Chamber. The Board is assured that Mr Hardenbergh is a worthy member of the Institution — that he has made great proficiency in his Studies — and affords good hope that should providence restore his health he will become a highly respectable and useful Minister of the Gospel. Will the Board favor him with their recommendation for examination for licensure?

Agreeably to the permission of the General Synod Mr Yates has been absent through the greater part of the Session from the Seminary. He has exhibited very satisfactory proofs of his diligence in Theological Studies, and his deportment it is believed has been such as became his relation to the Institution.

It has been earnestly recommended to the Junior class to prosecute their Hebrew Studies with diligence through the Vacation. In order to accomplish this they will need the use of Hebrew Books — a number of his

Class therefore request the Board to grant them the privilege of retaining such Hebrew Books as are indispensable to a compliance with this recommendation

It is respectfully suggested whether it would not be expedient to request of the General Synod to adopt some plan for the gradual enlargement of the Theological Library particularly in those works which are calculated to facilitate the progress of the Students in the elementary branches of their education

All which is respectfully submitted

John Dewitt

New Brunswick
25th May 1824

To the Rev. The Board of Superintendents —

Resolved That it be recommended to General Synod that the sum of ~~[illegible]~~ Dollars be appropriated for the purchase of Books, for the use of the Theological School, at auction or otherwise in the city of New York, and that a Trustees ~~committee~~ agent or agents be appointed to attend to that object.

A communication was received from the Rev Dragun Hoff stating that he had left the connexion of the Ref. Dutch Church and taken charge of a congregation connected with the Presbyterian Church, and requesting, for reasons which he stated, that he be released from his obligation to refund the money received by him in aid of his Theological Education — Whereupon

Resolved

That this Board cannot

release Mr Hoff from his obligation to refund the monies he has received.

Resolved That the President give information to the following gentlemen formerly students in this Seminary who are obligated to refund the monies they have received for their assistance in the Theological School of the necessity existing for a repayment of said monies - Viz - Richard Sluyter, Cornelius Dagardus - J Van Vranchen, Dragun Hoff, J. H. Smalts, John C Van Der Voort - Joseph Wilson

Resolved - That the President in the name of this Board request the Treasurer of Queens College to collect the money formerly loaned to indigent students who have obligated themselves to refund and inform the Board of his success.

Mr Cuyler & Dr Mathews were appointed a committee to prepare a report from this Board to general Synod.

Drs Woodhull and Milledoler and Mr Eltinge were appointed a Committee of appropriation -

Proceeded to the examination of the Students - Professor Dewitt went through with the examination on Pastoral theology

Adjourned to meet tomorrow morning at 8 o'clock - Closed with prayer

Wednesday 8 o'clock

The Board met according to adjournment and was opened with prayer

Professor Dewitt went through with the examination of the Students on Hermeneutics

Professor Livingston completed his examination on Didactics and Polemic theology after which Professor Dewitt concluded

his examination on Ecclesiastical History and the Hebrew and Greek Languages

The following young Gentlemen having pursued their Studies during the past Session, and having not been regularly received at the last Meeting - having presented their credentials were admitted to their Standing in the Senior Class Von Henry Beemaner, Benjamin D. Westfall and Ira Condict Doyle

The members of the Senior class present having been examined by the Board on experimental Religion and their Vision entering the Ministry - and having exhibited Specimens of Sermonizing - It was

Resolved: That their examination be sustained, and that they be recommended to the professors for a professoral certificate preparatory to licensure

James D. Hardenbergh having been prevented by sickness from attending the examination, and the professors having given the most satisfactory testimony as to diligence and attainments -

Resolved - That it be recommended to General Synod to authorize the Professors to give him a professoral certificate without an examination before this Board

A committee consisting of Drs Woodhull Milledoler and Eltinge was appointed to examine the Sermons presented by the Students who reported as follows.

The Com. who have received the Sermons for examination, respectfully report, that they consider the same to be favorable specimens of ability in the composition of Sermons.

J. R. Woodhull Chairm

The committee of appropriation reported as follows -

The com. of appropriation respectfully recommend to the Board to make the following appropriations

To Mr. Bennett	$	80
- - Slingerland		100
Dermont		120
Tarbell		120
Fisher		30

J. S. Woodhull Chair.

Resolved that Dr. Cannon be authorised to draw on the Treasurer of General Synod for the above amount.

Resolved that the students under the direction of Prof. Dewitt be permitted to take from the Library during the recess such books as they may need to pursue their studies

It having been represented that there is probably an error in the amount charged against Mr. Dewing Resolved that the subject be referred to Dr. Cannon with power to adjust the same.

The following supplement was received to the report of Prof. Dewitt -

In addition to the statement already made the Prof. of Biblical Literature Ecclesiastic Hist. &c. begs leave to mention as a circumstance that cannot fail communicating gratification to every member of the Board that for the last six weeks there has been an unusual degree of solemnity among several of the students of the Seminary - Some have received increased light after great anxiety on the subject of their hopes, whilst others have had their hearts warmed and quickened. Another devotional meeting was immediately

commenced among them which is stated of as having proved the source of peculiar [illegible] and [illegible]

S. Dewitt

Resolved That this Board adjourn to meet in the city of New York in the New Consistory Room in Nassau Street on Wednesday of next week at 2 o'clock P.M. The minutes were read and approved

Closed with prayer —

At an adjourned Meeting of the Board of Superintendents held in the New Consistory Room city of New York June 2nd 824 Present —

Rev Drs Milledoler
Woodhull
Mathews
Cannon
McMurray
Rev Messrs Labagh
Ettinger
Cuyler

The Resident being absent Dr Milledoler was appointed Res. pro Tem. who opened the meeting with prayer.

A communication was received from the Rev Mr McClure — Whereupon

Resolved. That the communication of the Rev Mr McClure be referred to the Treasurer of this board to report at its next stated meeting

The Rev Mr Smeltz having forwarded by Dr Cannon $100 in part payment of the money loaned to him while a student at the Theological College

Resolved that Dr. Cannon be directed to pay it over to the Treasurer of General Synod.

The committee appointed to prepare a report from this Board to the General Synod presented their ~~following~~ report - which having been read and amended was adopted, and ordered to be forwarded to the Synod - as follows -

Annual Report - of the Board of Superintendents of the Theol. College of the Reformed Dutch Church at New Brunswick to the General Synod - for the year ending with May 1824 -

We rejoice, with thankfull hearts, in being able to state to Genl. Synod that under the smiles of a gracious Providence, the Theol. College has been kept in successful operation through another year & the prescribed course of instruction has been regularly, diligently & successfully pursued.

Through divine mercy, the life of our venerable senior professor has been spared & so firm has his health been, that, in his seventy eigth year, he has been enabled to attend to every lecture in its season, without feeling it, to be a burden; nay, with the alacrity & delight which belong to much earlier ~~years~~ life.

The Professor of Biblical Literature &c. elected at the last session of General Synod, has accepted the appointment & was inaugurated according to the order made on the subject, at the commencement of the last session of the Theol. College. He immediately entered on the duties of his office & has fulfilled them, to the perfect satisfaction of the Board. We deem this a testimony due to the diligence & success with which he has prosecuted the objects of his appointment, to a new, important, & highly responsible station in the Church.

The number of students who have attended at the Theol. College during the year, has been ~~thirty~~ twenty nine. Thirteen have belonged to the First class - Four to the Second & Twelve to the Third - The following is a list of their names viz -

First class. Gustavus [illegible] — [illegible] Bennet, William Crookshank — James [illegible] — [illegible] — Stephen F. Meeker, Abraham [illegible] — Jonathan [illegible] — Douw Van Olinda, Jacob [illegible] — [illegible] — [illegible] Wynkoop, [illegible] —

Second class — Jacob [illegible] — [illegible] — [illegible] Van Kleeck, [illegible] —

Third class — [illegible] — [illegible] — [illegible] Garrison, [illegible] — Whitehead, Cornelius Van [illegible] — [illegible] Van Wagenen, Isaac [illegible] — [illegible] Christian [illegible] —

The Professor of Didactic Theology [illegible] that to the blessing of God the institution in all its [illegible] has been cultivated with [illegible] and that the conduct of the students has been correct [illegible] & that they have attended to their studies [illegible]"

The Professor of Biblical Literature [illegible] the demeanour of the students has been respectful [illegible] their attendance on the different exercises punctual, regular, their application to study has afforded gratification to their instructors" He adds as a circumstance that [illegible] communicating gratification to every member of the Board that "for the last 24 weeks there has been an unusual degree of humility among several students of the seminary. Some have received increased light after great anxiety on the subject of their hopes; whilst others have had their hearts warmed & quickened. Another devotional meeting was commenced [illegible] which is spoken of as having proved the source of [illegible] joy."

The whole of this information has been highly gratifying to the Board. They have no doubt it will be to [illegible] the Church. While our students are running their [illegible] with diligence & cherishing the love of God in their [illegible] we may confidently hope that our churches will be long supplied with

faithful & able pastors; workmen who need not to be ashamed; men who will bear the ark with steady step when the [illegible] of pastors shall be called to their rest.

We have, as usual, examined the students on the various branches of studies pursued by them, and are abundantly satisfied that the commendation of the professors has been well merited. The senior class with the exception of James B. Hardenbergh have been cordially recommended for professoral certificates. Mr. Hardenbergh was prevented from [illegible] the examination by seven indispositions from which third divine (mercy) he is happily [illegible]. The board have been assured that he is a worthy member of the institution; that he has made great proficiency in his studies, & affords good hope, that should the Lord restore his health, he will become a highly useful & reputable minister of the gospel. We recommend his case to the attention of General Synod. Hope they will allow the professors to furnish him with a certificate to admit him to an examination before classes.

The board have, during the past year appropriated for the support of students who needed assistance the sum of six hundred [illegible] dollars. This sum is exclusive of the assistance afforded from the fund established by the late reverend pious, truly liberal Elias Van Rensselaer whose memory is blessed in our Lord. In making these grants the board have endeavoured to govern them appropriations to the most rigid economy granting nothing which necessity did not seem to require. They hope it will be found to be "bread cast upon the waters," & returned with increase in due season. They are happy to [illegible] that they consider the state & prospects of our Theological College encouraging. The number of students has been greater during the past year than at any [illegible] period & its internal state has never been more [illegible] satisfactory. The church is already reaping largely of the seed which has been been sown, it gives good hope that in years to come there will be "bread for the eater & seed for the sower," that our churches as they are or may become vacant may be suitably supplied & a band raised up to plant the standard of the cross under our auspices on new stations —

we shall thus lengthen our cords and strengthen our stakes. We may as a church hope for much good from this institution. Our purity & safety are under God intimately connected with it. Let us hope that it will receive, as it deserves, the affection the prayers & the liberal support of all our churches—

The board feel it their duty to state distinctly to the Gen. Synod that altho' much has already been done much more is required to be done in order to give this school of the prophets permanent & extended usefulness. More must be done in order to reap the fruit of what has already been done. The successful effort to establish a professorship which was made by three of our elders in 1822 it is hoped will stimulate the committee appointed in 1823 to prosecute the object of their appointment to a successful issue during the present year. If this desirable end can be attained the professorial & permanent fund will form the basis of another professorship, which one comparatively small effort will complete; & thus the great object at which we have long aimed be realized. Our church will live & increase — Our school of the prophets will live & streams shall issue from it which shall the city of our God.

In the mean time, the Board feel impelled to state to General Synod that present & extensive measures are necessary to meet present wants. The interest of the professorial & permanent funds together with the interest on the sum already collected for the second Professorship, are far from meeting the professors' salaries. The residue for some time must be sought from other sources. It will also be found that a considerable debt has been incurred for which provision must be made. The Board feel it to be their duty to direct the attention of General Synod to a fact in our fiscal concerns which they deem of great importance. The measures ~~[illegible]~~ [illegible] to procure funds for our current expenses since 1822 have been by far less successful than those which preceded them. Would not be advisable to revert to the former system? We submit the suggestion to the wisdom of Gen. Synod—

General Synod will perceive that our confidence and our hopes connected with this institution are undiminished — are increasing — We cannot therefore in conclusion (and it is the last [illegible] on which the present Board will address Gen. Synod on the

subject) but commend our Theo. College to your affection to your wisdom & to your prayers, - to the interested regard & warm support of the church & to the blessing of that God who (favour is life and whose loving kindness is better than life. May all say & may he say respecting) "destroy it not for a blessing is in it."

C. C. Cuyler, clerk. B. T. — Philip Milledoler. Pres. of T.

New Brunswick 7th Sept 1824

A new appointment was made of the Board of Superintendents, at the last meeting of General Synod vide Minutes p 57. of the persons appointed - the following were present Dr. Milledoler - Dr. Knox - Dr. McMurray - G. R. Livingston - Wm. R. Bogardus & Isaac Ferris -

The meeting was opened with prayer by Dr. Milledoler -

The Revd. Dr. Milledoler was then chosen President - Isaac Ferris - Stated Clerk & Wm. R. Bogardus - Secty -

The minutes of the last stated meeting were read -

The following resolution was offered and passed unanimously - General Synod having determined at their last meeting, that students hereafter to be admitted into the Seminary, shall be admitted exclusively by the Board of Superintendents & the board taking into consideration the vast importance of admitting those and those only who bid fair to become truly usefull, in the Church. therefore Resolved - That in all future applications for admission into the School, in addition to the Diploma or Certificate of Literary Standing & Certificate of Church Membership, heretofore required, applicants shall always be examined on the subject of their experimental acquaintance with religion & that all

such enquiries shall be made as to the character and qualifications, generally, of the candidates, as shall enable the Board in the best practicable manner, to determine on their admission or rejection.

The following young gentlemen presented themselves for admission to the Theological School - to wit - Leonard Van Dyck & James Stevenson - having presented certificates of their church membership - & the former a Diploma from Union College & the latter a certificate of literary attainments from Jno. S. Mabon, Teacher of Queen's College Grammar School - they were personally examined in accordance with the preceding resolution. Enquiries were also made concerning these young men, from several members of the Board, who were personally acquainted with them. Whereupon fully satisfied of their character & attainments, It was Resolved that they be admitted as members of the Theological Seminary.

Resolved that in as much as the Treas.r of this Board has made no report in the case of Mr. McClure the subject be postponed to the next stated meeting & the Treas. be requested then to report.

Resolved That the Rev.d Dr. James T. Cannon, with Messrs. Peter Labagh & Isaac Ferris, be a committee to admit students into the Theological School, during the recess of this Board, agreeably to a resolution of General Synod. Also Resolved That the Stated Clerk inform the Professors of the appointment of this Committee, and that this Board have admitted Leonard Van Dyck & James Stevenson - to the Theol.l Seminary.

Resolved - That Dr. Milledoler be appointed to preach at the next stated meeting of this Board & the Rev.d J. N. Wyckoff be his secundus - and that the stated Clerk inform Mr. Wyckoff of his appointment.

Resolved - That the State Clerk of this Board, request the minister or consistory of the Church at New Brunswick to give public notice on the Sabbath immediately preceding such regular meeting of this Board, in this City, that a sermon will be preached by one of the superintendents on the evening of the first day of their Session

Adjourned to meet 4th Tuesday of May next in the Theological Hall at New Brunswick

Closed with prayer

Philip Milledoler Prest

Wm R Bogardus Secy

A correct copy

Isaac Ferris

State Clerk

1825

New Brunswick 24th May 1825

The Board met according to adjournment on the fourth Tuesday of May & commenced business with prayer.

Members present Revd Drs. Milledoler, Woodhull. Knox. Brodhead & McMurray, & Messrs Cuyler. Ludlow. Schoonmaker P. Labagh. J. N. Wyckoff. Jesse Fonda. Rouse. W. Eiting. Cornelison. Dwight. W. R. Bogardus Beattie & Davis.

The Revd Dr. Milledoler, in consequence of his appointment to the Professorship of Didactic & Polemic Theology, resigned his office as President of this Board & the Revd Dr. S. S. Woodhull was appointed in his place.

Professor DeWitt presented his report of the state of the Theol. College, which was accepted & is as follows.

"To the Board of Superintendents of the Theol. College.

In compliance with the requirement of the Board, they are respectfully informed that the following young gentlemen are members of the Theol. College. viz – of the First Class – Jacob T. B. Beekman Geo. H. Fisher. Richard D. Van Vleeck. John G. Tarbell —

of the second class —

David Abeel Jr. Ira Condict Boice – Abm. H. Dumont – Charles Whitehead – Cornelius D. Van Cleef – John H. Van Vraenen – John G. Garretson – Isaac P. Labagh – Abm. J. Labagh – Christian Z. Poulison – Henry Heermanse – Benjn. P. Westfall —

of the Third Class —

James Stevenson – & Leonard Van Dyke

Wm. Blawvelt, a member of the Junior Class in 1821, attached himself to the second class, during the present session – but towards its close, he was licensed by the Presbytery of New Brunswick, under the direction & care of which he had formerly placed himself.

It is pleasing to be able to state, that the conduct of the students, during the period of study which now closes, has been exemplary & regular; their attention to the duties of the institution has been assiduous & it is hoped their progress in

sacred Science will be found satisfactory to the Board.
The awful dispensations of Providence which have fallen upon the Seminary since the commencement of the present session, must doubtless be fresh in the minds of those united with its superintendence. Some interruptions of a similar nature were the unavoidable result. Upon the death of the venerable Dr Livingston, with the [illegible] members of the Board then present & under my own conviction of duty, the Didactic course was continued from the point where it was arrested by the death of the Senior Professor. This unexpected & lamented event affected in some measure the branches of my own department. It was my design to have directed the attention of the Students to Ecclesiastical History & that of the Junior to [illegible] the subjects of [illegible] nature.

The Senior Class is prepared to be examined on Didactic Theology, Pastoral Theology, Church Government & Hermeneutica Sacra — the Middle on Didactic Theology & Hermeneutica Sacra & the third on Pastoral Theology — Hermeneutica Sacra & Sacred Antiquities — All the classes are also [illegible] for examination on the Greek & Hebrew Scriptures —

During the two last sessions, circumstances it is hoped of a temporary operation, have governed me in the distribution of the branches of study among the several classes, rather than a conviction of what I would have thought eligible, had not those circumstances existed. Would it not perhaps be expedient for the Board to adopt some digested permanent plan of study, which the present state of my health enables me to say, I am ready to follow. Perhaps it might also afford an increased stimulus to the members of the college, as well as give a higher degree of character to the institution, should some public anniversary exercises be required from the students.

All which is respectfully [illegible]

[illegible]

N. Brunswick 24th May
1825

Resolved - that a special committee be appointed to revise the whole plan of the studies of the Theological College & that they report at the September Session — Messrs Cuyler Sutton & Dr. Elting were appointed said committee -

Resolved, That the professors be requested to sit with the above committee, as advisory members

The inquestion of the Professor in relation to anniversary exercises was referred to the same committee.

Resolved that Messrs Ferris - McMurray - Wyckoff - be a committee to draft the annual report of the State of the Theol. College, to be transmitted to General Synod.

Resolved, that this Board commence the examination of the Theol. College tomorrow morning at 8 o'clock - And Also - That the Senior Class be directed to deliver their sermons before this board & that the other classes lay theirs on the table for examination.

The Revd Dr Brownead, the former president, of this Board, reported that he had conformed to the resolution, directing him to write to certain persons, in arrears with this Board for money loaned with the exception of Mr J. C. Vanderwoon & assigned as a reason for not writing to him, that he knew not the place of his residence

Resolved, that the Clerk be directed to enquire of the professor, whether the students have complied with the resolution of this Board relating to preaching & exhorting in public

Resolved, That the Revd Peter Labagh be appointed to preach at the next stated meeting of this Board - that Mr Beattie be his secundus

Resolved, That the Prest of this board, be appointed to confer with the Treasurer of this board & the Treasurer of General Synod, in order to ascertain who of former students are in arrears - the amount of the [illegible]

that he be directed to write to such persons [illegible] next stated meeting of this board.

The Revd. J. N. Wyckoff, delivered a sermon in the Dutch Church, from Ps. 6th ch. & 8 verse, in the evening.

The Board adjourned to meet, tomorrow morning at 8 o'clock — concluded with prayer.

25th May — 8, o'clock. A.M.

The Board met pursuant to adjournment & was opened with prayer by the President. According to their resolution of yesterday, the Board proceeded to the examination of the first & ~~second~~ third classes on Pastoral Theology & Church Government.

Resolved, that the Board made a recess from a quarter before eleven, o'clock, this morning, until four in the afternoon, in order to attend the inauguration of Dr. Milledoler that they walk in procession to the Church & the Board of Trustees of Queen's College be invited to join with them.

After the recess, Professor DeWitt having completed the examination of the first & Third classes on Pastoral Theology & Church Government, proceeded agreeably to the request of the Board to the examination of the first & ~~Third~~ second classes on Didactic ~~Theo~~ Polemic Theology. — The third class were examined on Jewish Antiquities. All the classes were examined on Hermeneutica Sacra.

Adjourned to meet, tomorrow, 6. A. M. — closed with prayer.

Thursday, 6. A. M. —

The board met according to adjournment & was opened with prayer by the President — The examination on Hermeneutica Sacra was resumed — and when completed, all the classes were examined on the Greek & Hebrew Scriptures. The senior class delivered their sermons.

Resolved, That it be a standing rule of this Board, that every member of each successive senior class, at their final examination, shall deliver his sermon, before this Board from memory —

The senior class were also examined in experimental religion — Resolved that the examination of the senior class in the various subjects which have come before them be sustained & that they be recommended for diplomas certificates.

Resolved that it be the duty of the president of this Board or some other member appointed for the purpose at the preceding meeting, to deliver an address to the students of ~~[illegible]~~ the Theological College, at the commencement & close of every session of this institution.

Resolved, That the stated clerk give official notice to the professors & the person appointed to deliver an address to the students of the standing rules of this board relative to the preaching of students.

Resolved that the stated clerk, be directed to prepare a digest of all the standing rules on the minutes of this Board, for the government of the Theol. School & report the same to the next stated meeting of this Board.

Resolved, That Dr Knox, Stated clerk of Gen. Synod be requested to procure a copy of the constitution of the Ref. Dutch Church as full a copy as may be obtained of the minutes of General Synod for the use of this Board

The committee appointed to draft an annual report presented the following which was adopted —

~~This~~ & on being signed by the Prest. & clerk, forwarded to Gen. Synod.

"The committee appointed to draft an annual report beg leave to submit the following, for the consideration of the Board, — to wit —

The Board convened in accordance with the resolution of General Synod directing their meetings, in 1.13-k

in the month of September last. Two young gentlemen, to wit, James Stevenson & Leonard Van Dyke offered themselves for admission to the Theological College & having presented the necessary credentials were admitted by the Board.

The Board have also held their usual spring meeting & on that occasion have had the satisfaction to witness the continued prosperity of our Theol. Seminary. The following students have attended during the last session

Of the First Class.

Jacob T. B. Beekman - Geo. H. Fisher - Richd. D. Van Kleek - John G. Tarbell -

Of the Second Class.

David Abeel Jr. - Ira Condict Boice - Abm. H. Dumont Charles Whitehead - Corns. D. Van Cleef - John H. Van Wagenen John G. Garretson - Isaac P. Labagh - Abm. J. Labagh - Christian L. Poulison - Henry Heermanse - Benjn. B. Westfall -

Of the Third Class.

James Stevenson - Leonard Van Dyke

Wm. Blauvelt, a member of the Junior class in 1821, attached himself, to the second class during the session & towards its close, was licensed by the Presbytery of N. Brunswick under the care of which he had formerly placed himself.

They have examined the Senior class on Didactic Polemic & Pastoral Theology - Church Government - Hermeneutica Sacra & on Experimental Religion - The middle on Didactic Theology & Hermeneutica Sacra & the Third on Pastoral Theology - Hermeneutica Sacra & Sacred Antiquities -

All the classes, were examined on the Original Language of the Scriptures. The Board have been highly gratified with this examination & have been happy to notice the progress which has been made ~~[illegible]~~ in the several departments of Sacred Literature, by the

by the Students generally & to learn from the Professoral Report, the commendable attention to study, regularity of attendance on the Lectures & the pious demeanour which they have maintained during the Session -

Jacob J. B. Beekman & Geo. H. Fisher - John G. Farbell & Richd D. Van Kleek were recommended for professoral certificates in order to licensure

In consequence of the severe domestic loss which the Senior Professor has been called to feel & the death of our venerable father, Dr Livingston, who has so long & so successfully promoted the interests of the Redeemer among us — the last session of the Theol^l College has been one of peculiar character & subject to some irregularity & temporary disarrangement ~~[illegible]~~ this place, however the Board would particularly notice the highly laudable part which Dr Dewitt has acted. Though severely afflicted in his own family, affected by personal debility & the death of his co-adjutor, prompted by an ardent desire to have the studies of the School kept up as fully as possible, he has in addition to the duties of his own office, regularly instructed & examined the students on Didactic & Polemic Theology.

During the meeting of the Board, the Rev^d Dr Shiedolen was inducted into his office by the committee appointed for that purpose by General Synod & as by this event the place of Dr Livingston is supplied by a brother having the full confidence of the Churches, they earnestly pray & confidently believe that as his predecessor, he will be a burning & shining light.

A vacancy having occurred in the Board by the appointment of Dr Shiedolen to the professorate, it will be highly proper for the General Synod to appoint a minister —

minister from the Classis of New York to supply it.

In closing their report the Board might say much for the encouragement of those, who feel deeply concerned for the prosperity of the Theol. College, but as it would be, a reiteration of the sentiments which they have again & again expressed, they deem it sufficient simply to remark, that they can & do, still more confidently refer the friends of our Zion to the Theol. college, as the stay & hope of the Church"

After prayer, the Board adjourned to meet in the same place on the First Tuesday of September at 4 o'clock - P. M.

Selah S. Woodhull Preses
Wm R Bogardus - Secty.

A true copy
Isaac Ferris
Stated Clerk

1825

Resolved that at 1/2 past 8 O.C. to [illegible] the board will attend to the reception of new m[illegible] into the Theological School —

The former Stated Clerk presented a digest of the acts of the board for the government of the Theological School agreeably to the resolution passed at the last meeting for that purpose

Resolved [illegible] said digest be referred [illegible] committee consisting of Mr. Cuyler to report more fully in the [illegible]ect at the next stated meeting

Mr. Knox the stated Clerk of Synod laid on the table a copy of the constitution of the Church and volumes of the minutes of Synod

Resolved [illegible] said volumes be deposited in the College Library and that they be placed under the Care of Professor Milldoller —

The President reported that he had attended as far as was practicable at present to the subject of ascertaining the arrears of former students, and was directed to report in full at the next stated meeting —

The Special committee appointed to revise the whole [illegible]n of studies in the Theological College [illegible] the following which being amended was adopted and is as follows —

The committee appointed to revise the whole plan of the studies of the Theological College and suggest a course [illegible] exercises Report the following —

That the whole course of instruction cons[illegible] of Natural Didactic, Polemic and Practical Theology Biblical [illegible]ature, including Critica Sacra Hermeneutica Sacra [illegible] antiquities, Sacred Geography and [illegible] languages — Ecclesiastical History including [illegible]

Studies of the 2d year be Didactic [illegible] Hermeneutica Sacra so much of Pas[illegible]ology as relates to the composition and delivery of a Sermon, Ecclesiastical His[illegible] and the original [illegible]

At the Studies of the 3d year be Didactic and Polemic Theology Pastoral Theology Ecclesiastical His[illegible] Church Government Hermeneutica Sacra and the original Languages

That a general revision of former Studies be required at the close of each year and

That there be anniversary Exercises in which each member of the Senior Class shall bear a part under the direction of the Professors

all which is respectfully submitted -

Cas E. Cuyler Chairman

New Brunswick Sept 1825 -

In addition to the above, the following Resolution was adopted by the board -

Resolved that the board Superintendents deem expedient that a text book be adopted in this institution, which shall be used in the course of instruction on Didactic & Polemic Theology, and that Mark's Medulla the said text-book -

Resolved that the above Plan be referred to Genl Synod for their approbation -

The Primarius being unprepared and the Secundus Rector Woodhull delivered a Sermon in the [illegible] in the Reformed Dutch church from B. Co. 1 [illegible] 15 [illegible]

adjourned to meet tomorrow morning at 8 p C.C.

closed with pr[illegible]

Sept 14 1/2 past 8 O.C. A.M. -

The Board met pursuant to adjournment and was opened with pr[illegible]

Robt B. Lee Junr presented himself for admission into the Theological College - Having pres[illegible] a certificate of church me[illegible] Diploma,

Resolved that the board have a [illegible] till 3 O.C. this afternoon [illegible]

Tuesday Afternoon 3 O.Clock [illegible] Board met at the appointed time

The Professors being present states that the early period at which the final examination of the present Senior Class has been directed to take place has prevented said class from being prepared for the exercises contemplated in the plan of studies adopted [illegible] it was

Resolved that such exercises be dispensed with on the present occasion

The following members [illegible] and Revd Messrs Livingston Fonda & Beattie & Dr McMurray & Broadhead [illegible]

Resolved that the Revd Messrs Fonda Ludlow & [illegible] be a committee [illegible] are the annual Report [illegible] be presented to the Revd Synod

Resolved that the Board proceed to the examination of the young gentlemen composing the senior class in the Theological School at 5 O.Clock this afternoon

At 5 O.C. accordingly board proceeded to the examination on Natural, Didactic, Polemic - Practic [illegible]

Resolved that the Board have a recess [illegible]

The Board met after expiration of the recess and having parts of the sermons delivered by the members of the Senior class, proceeded in the examination

Resolved that the Revd Dr McMurray have leave of absence at the close of the present session

Resolved that the board adjourn to meet again tomorrow morning at 8 O.C. Closed with prayer by the Revd Professor McClellan.

The Board met pursuant to adjournment Wednesday morning and was opened with prayer by the Revd Mr Cuyler -

The examination of the young gentlemen of the Senior class was resumed

Resolved that the Revd Dr Cannon Pres of the Board have leave of [illegible] and that the Revd Mr Fonda take the chair

Resolved that the Revd Dr Broadhead [illegible] leave of absence after the morning session

Mr McCuyler who was appointed at the last meeting of the board, to report a digest of the acts of the Board for the govt of the Theological School submitted his report containing sundry acts whereupon

Resolved that the stated clerk collect the above acts or [illegible] each professor with a copy & insert a copy at the close of the [illegible] of minutes - (which see)

Paulison. Cornelius Van Cleef. John H Van Wagenen. Benjamin [illegible]
[illegible] Charles Whitehead.

Of the Middle Class

James Stevenson. Leonard Van Dyck. John McKinney.

Of [illegible]

Robert B. Lee. Henry Raymond. James Quaw.

The examination is on former occasions embraced the following subjects, viz. the Senior Class on Didactic Polemic & Pastoral Theology, Church Govt. Hermeneutica Sacra and on experimental [illegible]. The Middle Class on Didactic Theology & Hermeneutica Sacra; and the [illegible] on critica Sacra and Jewish antiquities. All the classes were examined on the original languages of the Scriptures. The Senior Class was recommended for profess. Certificates with a view [illegible] licensure. The Board can with [illegible] bear honorable testimony to the faithfulness and diligence of the Professors, as well as to the industry, proficiency & correct deportment of the students. And they do this with the more cheerfulness in the short time the Professor of Didactic & Polemic Theology has been engaged in the duties of his office. Their hearts rejoice that while God in his righteous providence is calling away many who had been commissioned to preach the gospel he [illegible] raising up and [illegible] others to be labourers in his vineyard and concerning whom they may indulge a pleasing hope that they will be labourers, who shall not need to be ashamed rightly dividing the word of life.

The board would feel happy had they been permitted to close their report with this statement of the prosperity of the School. But it has again become their painful [illegible] to record the afflictive dealings of a holy God with them in the [illegible] sudden removal of their esteemed professor of Ecclesiastical Hist. Pastoral Theology & Church Govt. [illegible] In obedience to the order of [illegible] he was [illegible] into office. The second [illegible] of Nov. last & on the 27th of Feb. he was taken from us to mingle as we trust in a nobler fellowship & engage in a more exalted service. The Board while [illegible] submissively to bow to the will of him who doesall things well, can not but express the deep sense of the loss they have sustained, and leave on record their testimony to the worth of their departed brother for whose memory they cherish the tenderest regard.

The board would close their report [illegible] recommending to Genl. Synod at the suggestion of the professors the adoption of measures to increase the means of educating distinguished yet indigent [illegible] for the gospel ministry.

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] Stated Clerk

The Board of Superintendents met according to adjournment in the College Library at New Brunswick on Wednesday the 11th of July 1827. The Rev. John Livingston the oldest minister present was called to the chair and opened the meeting with prayer.

The following persons had been chosen in the last General Synod to constitute the Board of Superintendents – viz. Rev. Alexander Gunn D.D. Nicholas J. Marselus, Jacob Hardenbergh D.D. William E. Browuler D.D. Samuel J. Van Vranken, John Christie, Cornelius D. Westbrook, Cornelius C. Snyder, John Cornelison, James V. C. Romeyn, John J. Christie, Benjamin C. Taylor, Jacob Schermerhorn, Thomas M. Strong, Peter Labagh, William R. Livingston, John Lindsley, Robert Monro, Isaac N. Wyckoff, Richard Snyder, John F. Scherman, Paul Wei[illegible], Peter P. Rouse, Abner Van Olinda, Andrew Gaston, D.D. Abraham Messler, Philip Duryee, David D. Ferris, Robert J. Blair, Thomas Romeyn, [illegible] D. Wilson and William R. [illegible]

Of these the following appeared - viz. Rev^d Mr B. John Cornelison, C. C. Cuyler, C. D. Westbrook, M. J. Marselus, J. Broadhead, J. D. R. Brook, J. Ludlow, B. C. Taylor, J. M. Wyckoff, P. Labagh, P. Weidman, J. L. Zabriskie, S. A. Van Vranken and T. M. Strong.

The Board proceeded to the election of Officers. On counting the ballots it appeared that the Revd James V. C. Romeyn was chosen President and the Revd Thomas M. Strong Secretary and Stated Clerk.

Resolved that in the absence of the Rev^d Mr Romeyn the Rev^d Dr Broadhead take the chair -

The Minutes of the last session of the Board were read -

The following Report was received from the Revd Professor Mille-dolor accompanied with the documents marked A and B.

The Professor of Didactic and Polemic Theology reports to the Revd Board of Superintendents that the whole number of Students of Theology now in the Institution is 14. viz.

Of the Senior Class

James Stephenson
John McKelvey
Leonard Van Dyke and
Edwin Holmes

Of the Middle Class

Robert R. Lee
Henry A. Raymond and
James E. Quaw

Of the Junior Class

Isaac D. Cole
James Demarest
Charles P. Wack
James R. Talmage
Cornelius L. Van Dyke
Henry Mandeville and
James Beveridge

Mr James Beveridge a Member of the Associate Reformed Church under the care of the Presbytery of New York has been admitted to attend the Lectures of your Professor. The conduct of the Student so far as it has fallen under my observation has been generally good.

The Senior and Middle Classes have carefully read & revised our System. Their attendance has been regular & their proficiency respectable.

Mr Leonard Van Dyke of the Senior Class presented to me a paper on the 29th of June, purporting to contain some Doctrines on which his views differ from the acknowledged Standards and Ministers of our Church. A copy of this marked A. is submitted. Apprehending that this Document would be submitted to the Board of Superintendents, Mr V. D. called upon me on the 5th Inst. to request the original that he might examine and remodify it. I gave it him under the full impression of a loan and that it would certainly be returned to me. Mr Van Dyke however has since declined to return it and has presented in its place a substitute under date of July 7th marked B. I have understood that this young gentleman contemplates leaving New Brunswick without submitting to examination — and being desirous to avoid all misapprehension and to put the Board in possession of at least some of the facts which have transpired in his case I have deemed it my duty to present both documents to the Board.

All which is respectfully submitted

[illegible] Milledoler.

New Brunswick
July 11th 1827.

The following are the Documents referred to in the above report.

Document marked A.

Copy.

"My views as to certain points in Theology are the following.

1. The eternal generation of the Son of God and the eternal procession of the Holy Spirit from the Father & the Son which are asserted

Heid. Cat^m Q. 33 and Confession of Faith Arts: 10th and 11th

Neither of these doctrines do I deny — yet I cannot say that from rational conviction I believe either that Jesus Christ is the natural Son of God or that the procession of the Holy Ghost is either eternal or natural. Want of proof rather than opposite proofs is the reason why I hesitate to receive them. While therefore I believe from Prov. 8:23.2. &c that both as to existence and Mediatorship Jesus Christ is eternal — I cannot venture to determine, but would rather be silent as I mean — whether the terms Son and procession denote a natural or official relation.

2. The doctrine of imputation and substitution I believe.

3. I adopt the distinction of natural and moral inability which is made by many Divines — as essential to a correct explanation of many inability to perform his duty. But by it I do not mean that many nature is not corrupt which is the sense in which Pelagians say that man can perform his duty. Nor do I maintain that man ever does perform his duty without the influence of divine grace — but with Hopkinsians I believe in the necessity of that grace as being an invariable antecedent cause of such obedience. Man can obey God's commands, when disposed to their obedience — but because of the depravity of his heart, he never is so disposed until the Holy Spirit imparts his grace. I can subscribe on this point the 8th & 9th answers in the Catechism, of the 9th be explained by the 8th —

4. As to the doctrine of the Atonement — I view the gospel offer of salvation on the terms of Repentance of sin and Faith in the Lord Jesus Christ as universal. And since on account of the denunciations of divine justice such an offer could be made to no one without an atonement, so I conceive that that offer cannot be made to every one — on account of the requirements of the same divine justice without an atonement for all. When I use the word Atonement, I mean by it here, the

death of the ~~Lord Jesus~~ Christ. Moreover I do not say that divine justice is absolutely satisfied by Christ dying for them, so that it ceases to demand punishment from the impenitent and unbelieving, nor indeed in that sense it is not satisfied even with regard to the impenitent and unbelieving elect so long as they continue so — what I mean to say, that divine justice is so affected (I know not how) by his death in their behalf, that the offer of salvation can be made to them, consistently with ~~him~~ it, which had not Christ died for them could not — I wish I could be more explicit — but I cannot — Beyond this my views are not clear — I know not whether I should differ from those who maintain the sufficiency of the atonement. At any rate the above is the only sense in my view in which the atonement can be actually sufficient, if we would avoid universal salvation.

Before I leave this Head I would state, that in particular redemption I cannot believe — that merely Christ's death, the Elect and the elect alone obtain justification, and that if the word Atonement itself be understood as including justification — or as inseparably preceding it — in short if it means more than the rendering it consistent with God's perfections to save the sinner on his repentance and faith be understood by it — I reject the universality of the atonement — On no other doctrines which separate Churches or bodies are my views different either from the acknowledged standards or principles of our Church —

Signed — L. B. Macleod

As I have explained my meaning as to Christ's having died for all I can subscribe the answer to the 37th Q. of the Westminster Catechism.

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1. As to the Doctrines of the Eternal Generation of the Son and Procession of the Holy Ghost I am undecided. I do not disbelieve them, and yet I cannot say that I am fully convinced of their truth. I believe however that the Father and the Son and the Holy Ghost are divine —

and that between the persons designated by these names, there is a distinction — and that it is not merely nominal but real — but what the nature of that distinction is — in other words, in what it consists and whether the terms Father, Son & Holy Ghost do or do not point to the nature of that distinction, I do not know.

2. The Doctrine of Imputation and Substitution I believe.

3. I agree with those who distinguish Inability in general into natural and moral, and believe that of the Sinner to perform his duty — to be the latter —

4. I am not settled on the subject of the Atonement — but hesitate between the views of Hopkinsian and Calvanistic Divines.

L. B. Van Dyke

New Brunswick July 7th 1827

Resolved that so much of the report of the Professor of Didactic and Polemic Theology as relates to the case of Mr Van Dyke be referred to a special Committee consisting of the Revd Mess. C. D. Westbrook U. J. Marselus and P. Labagh —

The following Report was received from the Revd Professor Dewitt. to the Board of the Superintendent of the Theological Seminary.

The Professor of Biblical Literature would represent to the Board of Superintendent that the whole number of regular Students in the Theological Seminary is fourteen — of these there are four in the Senior Class three in the Middle and seven in the Junior —

Mr Wack is a Member of the German Reformed Church — has been engaged in study from the commencement of the Theological year — Mr Beveridge is a Member of the Associate Reformed Church and entered the Seminary at the commencement of the last Session. He will of course be examined only on those branches of study to which he was directed his attention since he has been here.

As far as is known the concerns of the Seminary are in a prosperous state. Mr. Lee in consequence of ill health has been compelled to refrain from [illegible] during the last Session.

In the department of Biblical Literature the Junior Class has acquired the principles of the Heb. Language and read in the Hebrew Scriptures twenty three Chapters in the First Book of Moses. The Middle and Senior Classes have read twelve Chapters in the second book of Moses and the First twenty Psalms.

The three Classes have together read, analysed and interpreted with care the second Epistle of Paul to the Corinthians and the Epistles to the Galatians, Ephesians and Colossians in the Greek Testament.

The Junior Class has gone over a course of Lectures on Sacred Geography, on Biblical Antiquities, domestic, civil & sacred — on the Canons of the Old & New Testaments — and on the State of the text of the Old Testament —

The General principles of interpretation have also been exhibited and applied.

The attention of the Junior Class during the second & third terms of the theological year might be advantageously directed to the principles of sermonizing as a part of Pastoral Theology — or some other subject which the Board might think proper to suggest. They ought to have at least two lectures a day — which the Professor of Biblical Literature in consequence of his engagement in the Literary College will not be able to give them.

All which is respectfully submitted.

John De Witt.

The following Report was received from the Revd. Professor Cannon.

The undersigned begs leave to report to the Board of Superintendents.

1. That after his removal to the Institution he was obliged immediately to attend to the instruction of the Junior Class in the Literary Department in Metaphysics and to prepare them for the public examination in July 1820 — With this duty devolving upon him at that early period of his connection with the College, he could do no more in the Theological Department for the few weeks that remained of the

year has given Lectures to the Senior Theological Class on Chronology and Sacred Geography in preparation for reading ancient Sacred History and the History of the Christian Church.

2. That on the opening of the new College year last autumn he proceeded to deliver a course of Lectures on Church Government — to prosecute ancient Sacred History with a special view to teach the grand doctrines of religion early revealed — to exhibit the doctrine of the Sacraments in general — and especially to instruct the Class in relation to that dispensation usually denominated the Abrahamic Covenant — During the first College term of the year the Classes were employed under his instruction in analysing texts for their improvement in the art of [illegible].

3. That during the second term of the College year the Lectures on Church Government were continued — a course of Lectures on Pastoral Theology was commenced — ancient Sacred History was prosecuted down to the Mosaic Covenant — texts were analysed & the study of the History of the Christian Church introduced —

4. That during this Session the various studies were prosecuted — but their variety & the pressure upon the Senior Class necessarily obliged the undersigned to leave some branches of study unfinished.

5. That his experience through the year constrains him to inform the Board that some branches of instruction assigned to him ought to be taught at an earlier period than the Senior year.

6. And that the Students of Theology have so far as the undersigned knows been studious — and lived devoted to the fear of God —

All which is respectfully submitted.

James S. Cannon Prof.

Rutgers College
[illegible] 1827

Resolved that so much of the above reports as relates to a change in the course of study be referred to a special committee consist

ing of the Revd Messrs C. C. Cuyler, J. Ludlow & R. Bronk.

Resolved that the Revd Messrs J. N. Wyckoff, J. L. Zabriskie & B. C. Taylor be a Committee to prepare the Annual Report to be presented to General Synod.

Resolved that the Committee on the case of Mr Van Dyke have leave to retire for the purpose of preparing their report.

Resolved that the Professors be notified that the Board will be ready to proceed to the Examination of the Students in the Theological College this afternoon at 3 O'clock -

The Professors having stated to the Board that the Students of the Senior Class had prepared Anniversary Exercises which they were ready to deliver this evening in the Church, it was

Resolved that the Board will attend these exercises this evening and that the Professors be notified accordingly.

Resolved that the Revd Dr Brodhead be appointed the primarius and the Revd R. Bronk the secundus to preach at the next stated meeting of the Board.

The Board held a recess until 3 O'clock.

3 O'clock P.M.

The Board met at 3 O'clock agreeably to appointment.

According to the resolution passed this morning the Board proceeded to the examination of the Students.

The Senior, Middle and Junior Classes were examined upon the Hebrew and Greek Languages.

Resolved that the examination be suspended until tomorrow morning at 6 O'clock and that the Professor of Didactic & Polemic Theology then proceed with the examination of the Students in his department.

The Committee on the case of Mr Van Dyke reported and their report was adopted & is as follows -

The Committee on the case of the Student L. B. Van Dyke report. That they have conferred with Professor Milledoler and the Student L. B. Van Dyke and have learned with pleasure that the deportment of the young man has been throughout his Theological course respectful and exemplary. That the young man conducted himself before the Committee with decorum, with candour & with affection; that although upon the explanation of the standards of our Church given by the Committee on the subjects of his doubts, he was in some measure relieved so far as to be able to retract some expressions in his written statements, yet he retained his doubts on the eternal generation of the Son and of the eternal procession of the Spirit and was not sufficiently explicit on the atonement; that he wishes to be admitted to his examination with his Class and submit to the investigation and decision of the Board of Superintendent.

Your Committee are aware of the caution and discretion which should be exercised in the reception of Candidates for the Ministry, especially when the development of fact suggests them. Yet upon due consideration of the modest and affectionate conduct of their young Brother Your Committee can see no weighty reason why he should not be admitted to his examination; and why the whole subject should not be left to the discretion of the Board.

All which is respectfully submitted.

By order — Cornelius D. Westbrook Chairman

Resolved that the Board adjourn to 8 O'Clock tomorrow morning — Concluded with prayer.

Thursday July 2d

The Board met at 8 O'Clock A. M. pursuant to adjournment & was opened with prayer

Agreeably to previous resolution the Board attended last evening in

the Church when the Students of the Senior Class delivered their discourses. The Senior and Middle Classes were examined on the subject of Truth & in part on Didactic Theology — when the Board held a recess until 9 O'clock.

9 O'clock A.M.

The Board met and finished the examination on Didactic & Polemic Theology —

Resolved that Professor De Witt be requested to examine the Students of the Seminary on the Studies in his department this afternoon.

The Board held a recess until 3 O'clock —

3 O'clock P.M.

The Board met — The Senior Class was examined on Church Government.

The Revd Jacob Schoonmaker appeared and took his seat. The Junior Class was examined on Sacred Geography and Biblical Antiquities —

The Revd J. Cornelison asked for leave of absence after the sessions of today — which was granted.

Resolved that the following direction in the plan of study viz. "that a general revision of former studies be required at the close of each year" be considered as ~~requiring~~ including a general examination on such studies.

The Committee on the subject of a change in the course of studies in the Seminary reported, and their report was adopted and is as follows:

The Committee on the change in the course of study in the Theological College submit the following report —

That from the reports of the Professors of Biblical Literature and Ecclesiastical History &c it appears that the students of the Junior Class have not a sufficiency of study to occupy their time by the course which was assigned to them in the order which

has been prescribed — Your Committee would therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved that it be recommended to General Synod to alter the course of study of the first year or Junior Class so as to add to the first year sacred History of the Old Testament and to omit of Pastoral Theology as relating to the composition and delivery of Sermons — and that the Professors adopt the above as a part of their course until they shall receive the direction of General Synod on the subject.

Cor. C. Cuyler Chairman —

The Rev. J. A. Lansing asked for leave of absence until 9 o'clock tomorrow morning — which was granted.

Whereas the name of Mr. John G. Woodward appears on the Minutes of General Synod as a Student in the Theological Seminary who has not been reported as such to this Board — therefore Resolved that the Revs. Messrs. C. D. Westbrook, and P. Weidman be a Committee to enquire of the Professors on this subject.

Resolved that a special Committee consisting of the Revs. Messrs. P. Labagh, J. A. Lansing and J. C. A. Van Franken be appointed for the purpose of enquiring into the state of the arrears due from Students who have received aid from the funds of the Board, the payments that have been made; the [illegible] now existing and such other matter on this subject as may be necessary to report to this Board —

The Board then adjourned until 8 o'clock

8 o'clock P. M.

The Board met. The Junior Class was examined on Pastoral Theology and Church History —

Adjourned until tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

July 13th

The Board met at 6 O'clock A. M. pursuant to adjournment and was opened with prayer –

The Junior Class was examined on the Canons of the Old & New Testaments and on Critica Sacra –

The Board held a recess until 9 O'clock.

9 O'clock A. M.

The Board met at the appointed time.

The Committee on the case of Mr. J. G. Woodward reported and their report was adopted and is as follows:

The Committee on the subject of Mr. Woodward report, that from a Conference with two of the Professors they have ascertained that the young man has never been in the Theological School as a Student – that he has attended merely as an Auditor; that reports impeaching his moral and Christian standing have transpired and that he has withdrawn himself from his attendance at recitations, and that consequently he cannot be considered as entitled to the dispensation of General Synod until their farther order in the premises.

By order – C. D. Westbrook.

Resolved that General Synod be requested to alter the time of the Annual Examination of the Theological College, from the 2d Wednesday in July to the Tuesday immediately preceding the the Commencement in Rutgers College –

Whereas our Theological College is now fully organized, according to the original plan, by the appointment of three Professors therefore Resolved that General Synod be requested to organise a Theological Faculty for the Government of the Theological College; and that until the pleasure of General Synod be expressed on the subject the Professors be requested to organise themselves provisionally as such Faculty; of which the Professor of Didactic & Polemic Theology shall for the time being be the Chairman –

The Board proceeded to the examination of Messrs McKelvy Stephenson and Holmes on experimental religion and their views in entering into the gospel ministry.

Resolved that Mr L. B. Van Dyke be called before this Board and asked whether he has any remarks or explanations to make on the papers which contain his views and difficulties on certain points of doctrine as maintained by the Reformed Dutch Church and whether he is prepared to subscribe ex animo the standards of the Church.

Mr Van Dyke appeared before the Board and stated that the last paper handed in by him to Dr Mildoler expressed fully his views. The X th and XI th articles of the Confession of Faith the XIII th Lords Day of the Heidelberg Catechism and the VIII th article of the second Head of Doctrine were read to him and the question was asked whether he could subscribe these articles of Faith: To which he answered that he could not receive the whole of the X th and XI th articles of the Confession of Faith and the XIII th Lords Day of the Catechism but that he could subscribe the VIII th article of the second Head of Doctrine. He moreover stated that the inability of man was only moral and that he applied the corruption of human nature to the understanding and affections as well as to the will.

Resolved that the examination of Messrs John McKelvy, James Stephenson and Edwin Holmes be sustained and that they be recommended to the Professors for professorial certificates.

The Revd Jacob Schoonmaker requested leave of absence from the remaining sessions of the Board — which was granted.

Resolved that the Revd Messrs S. A. Van Vranken, C. C. Cuyler and B. C. Taylor be a Committee to draft a Minute on the case of Mr L. B. Van Dyke.

The Committee reported the following resolutions which were adopted.

1 Whereas the mind of Mr L. B. Van Dyke labours on several important doctrines, so that he cannot subscribe to the entire standards of the church, therefore Resolved that he cannot be recommended by this Board to the

Professors for their certificates — But

2. Whereas he has given a high degree of satisfaction to the Board by the praiseworthy candour manifested on the topics on which his mind is not settled and the attention paid to his studies; and whereas it is regarded as exceedingly desirable that the way should be opened for his admission into the ministry of our church, therefore,

Resolved that he be advised to continue in the Institution and pay a particular attention to the subjects alluded to.

3. Resolved that should Mr Van Dykes mind become settled on said subjects and he desire to be heard again that in that case the President of the Board be authorised to call a special meeting for the purpose of attending to his case.

S. A. Van Vranken Chairman.

Resolved that the Stated Clerk furnish Mr Van Dyke with a copy of the above resolutions.

The Students of the Seminary were called before the Board, when an address was delivered to them by the Revd C. De Westbrook.

Resolved that the Revd Messrs S. A. Van Vranken, J. L. Zabriskie, J. Brodhead Jr. N. J. Marselus and T. M. Strong be a Committee to act with the Professors in the admission of students.

Resolved that the Professors be requested to notify the Committee whenever applications for admission are made.

The Committee to prepare the report to General Synod presented the same which was considered at some length, when the Board held a recess until 3 O'clock.

3. O'clock P. M.

The Board met, and proceeded in the consideration of the Report to General Synod, which was adopted and is as follows:

The Committee appointed to prepare the Report of this Board to the General Synod respectfully report the following — viz.

To the Revd General Synod the Board of Superintendents present the following Report —

That pursuant to the resolution of General Synod the Board met in the city of New Brunswick on the 11th day of July 1827.

Reports were received from each of the Professors. The Reports represented the following young gentlemen as Members of the Theological School.

Senior Class	Middle Class	Junior Class
John McKelvy	Robert P. Lee	Isaac D. Cole
James Stephenson	James C. Quaw	James Demarest
Edwin Holmes	Henry Raymond	Henry Mandeville
Leonard B. Van Dyke		James Talmage
		Cornelius L. Van Dyke
		Charles P. Wack
		James Beveridge

Mr Wack is a Member of the German Reformed Church & has been engaged in study from the commencement of the theological year. Mr Beveridge is a member of the Associate Reformed Church and having entered in the advance of the year was only examined on such studies as he had attended to.

The several Classes were fully examined on three successive days on the subjects of their respective studies during the year – viz. The first Class on Didactic Polemic and Pastoral Theology, Church Government, Ecclesiastical History, the sacred languages, Biblical Criticism, experimental religion and their views in entering into the Gospel Ministry. Mr Holmes according to the terms of the dispensation granted to him was also examined on certain studies of the first year. They also exhibited public exercises on the evening of the first day of the examination and specimens in the composition of sermons. The second Class was examined on Didactic Theology, Hebrew and Greek Languages, Sacred Geography, Biblical Antiquities and General principles of interpretation. The Third Class was examined on the sacred languages, biblical antiquities, sacred Geography and the canon of Scripture.

The examination of Messrs McKelvy, Stephenson and Holmes members of the first Class was sustained and they were recommended for proposal

certificates. The Board were much gratified with the whole examination. A great amount of labour has been performed by the Professors, and a very laudable proficiency has been made by the several classes in the respective branches of [illegible] which their attention has been [illegible]. The general aspect of the school is highly encouraging.

The Board remembering the sorrowful visitations which excited their grief at their late meetings, cannot fail to consider with no ordinary emotions of gratitude, that God has not permitted the destroyer to enter the ranks of teachers or [illegible] during the year. Comfortable health and uninterrupted progress have marked the course of the year except in the case of Mr. Lee who in consequence of ill health has been compelled to refrain from the [illegible] of the last session.

Leonard B. Van Dyke a member of the Senior class having expressed some difficulty in subscribing to the doctrines of the faith as taught in our Standards, his case was first examined by a special committee and afterwards by the whole Board. Whereupon the following resolutions were adopted - viz.

1. Whereas the mind of Mr. L. B. Van Dyke labours on several important doctrines so that he cannot subscribe to the entire Standards of the Church, therefore Resolved that he cannot be recommended by this Board to the Professors for their certificates. But

2. Whereas he has given a high degree of satisfaction to the Board by the praise worthy candour manifested on the topics on which his mind is not settled and the attention paid to his studies, and whereas it is regarded as exceeding a desirable that the way should be opened for his admission into the ministry of our Church, therefore Resolved that he be advised to continue in the Institution and pay a particular attention to the subjects alluded to.

3. Resolved that should Mr. Van Dykes mind become settled on said subjects and he desire to be heard again, that in that case the President of the Board be authorised to call a special meeting for the purpose of attending to his case.

As it appeared from the Reports of the Professors of Biblical Literature

and Ecclesiastical History &c that the students of the Junior Class have not a sufficiency of study to occupy their time by the course which was assigned to them, in the order which has been prescribed, therefore Resolved that it be recommended to General Synod to alter the course of study of the first year of Junior Class so as to add to the first year the history of the Old Testament and so much of Pastoral Theology as relates to the composition and delivery of Sermons.

Resolved that General Synod be requested to alter the time of the annual examination of the Theological College from the second Wednesday in July to the Tuesday immediately preceding the commencement in Rutgers College.

Whereas it appears on the minutes of General Synod of June 1827 that Mr. J. G. Woodward was represented as a member of this School, and a dispensation was granted to him for the former part of the current year; and whereas it appears from a conference with the Professors that he has never been a member of the Theological School, but has attended merely as an Auditor, and has withdrawn himself from his attendance at recitations, therefore Resolved that he cannot be considered as entitled to the dispensation of Gen. Synod until their further order shall be had in the premises.

Whereas our Theological College is now fully organised according to the original plan by the appointment of three Professors, therefore Resolved that General Synod be requested to organise a Theological Faculty for the government of the Theological College.

All which is respectfully submitted.

J. N. Wyckoff Chairman.

Resolved that in case Mr Van Dyke shall be recommended to the Professors for a professoral certificate before the next meeting of General Synod the paragraph in the above report concerning him be stricken out.

Resolved that the resolution passed this morning concerning a Theological Faculty be reconsidered.

A motion was made to strike out the last clause of the resolution. The question being taken on this motion it was decided in the negative. Whereupon it was Resolved, that the resolution be adopted.

Whereas the Revd. Messrs. C. C. Cuyler and Paul Weidman have left this Board before its adjournment without leave therefore Resolved that this Board express and they hereby do express their decided disapprobation of such conduct.

Resolved that the cause of the Revd. Mr. J. L. Zabriskie's not returning at 9 o'clock this morning according to promise be enquired into at the next stated meeting of the Board.

The Minutes were read and approved.

Resolved that the Board adjourn to meet on the second Wednesday of July 1828 unless General Synod should alter the time of the annual ~~commencement~~ examination to the Tuesday immediately preceding the Commencement in Rutgers College, in which case the Board will meet on that day.

Concluded with prayer.

Jacob [illegible] Prest. pt.

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An extra meeting of the Board of Superintendent was held at the Consistory Room of the Reformed Dutch in New York on Thursday the 1st of November 1827 at 10 O'Clock A.M. and was opened with prayer by the President.

Present — Revd. J. N. C. Romeyn President, W. C. Brownlee, [illegible] Broadhead [illegible], P. Labagh, J. L. Zabriskie, J. A. Van Vranken, J. Cornelison, J. Schoonmaker, C. H. Westbrook, N. J. Marsching, R. Dunster, J. L. Fonda, R. J. Blair, P. Dwyer and D. W. [illegible].

Apologies for non attendance were received from the Revd. A. [illegible] and H. Van Olinda.

The President stated that he had called the meeting of the Board in accordance with the request contained in the following letter ~~received~~ from three Members of the Board:

New York September 28th 1827

Revd. James N. C. Romeyn

President of the Board of Superintendent of the Theological Seminary.

Whereas at the last meeting of the Board of Superintendent the Student Leonard B. Van Dyke was upon examination declared to be not entitled to a professoral certificate for licensure; and whereas the said Board did resolve that as soon as the said L. B. Van Dyke could subscribe the Articles of Faith and the Canons of the Reformed Dutch Church the Board would meet in special session and admit him to be entitled to the professoral certificate:

and Whereas the said L. B. Van Dyke has not only not declared himself ready to subscribe said articles, but has offered himself to a Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church and has been by them received as a Licentiate — Therefore we the subscribers request you to call a meeting of the said Board to convene in the city of New York if this be admissible or if not in New Brunswick at such time as you may judge proper immediately after the expiration of the time in which notice of this kind must be given to take into consideration the case of the said Leonard B. Van Dyke, and all such subjects as are connected with it.

Cornelius C. Westbrook
Jacob Bodhead
W. E. Brownlee.

The Minutes of the Board on the case of Mr L. B. Van Dyke at their session in New Brunswick were read.

The subject was discussed at considerable length when it was on motion, Resolved that the consideration of the whole case before the Board be referred to a special committee consisting of the Revd Messrs Dr Brownlee C. C. Westbrook, J. A. Van Vranken and P. Labagh: and that they report this afternoon.

The Revd Mr Schoonmaker asked for leave of absence from remaining sessions of the Board — which was granted.

Resolved that the Board hold a recess. Three o'clock.

3 o'clock P. M.

The Board met agreeably to appointment —

The Stated Clerk laid before the Board a written request which he had received from Mr L. B. Van Dyke for an attested

copy of all the proceedings of the Board in his case. Whereupon it was Resolved that his request be complied with.

The Revd. L. D. Honda asked for leave of absence from the remaining sessions of this Board — which was granted.

The Committee on the case of Mr. L. B. Van Dyke reported and their report was amended, adopted and is as follows:

The Committee to whom was referred the case of Mr. L. B. Van Dyke recommend to the Board the adoption of the following resolutions.

Resolved that the student Mr. Leonard B. Van Dyke is still considered by this Board as under their superintendence and care, he never having been dismissed or certificate: but on the company having been advised by this Board to remain in the Theological Seminary until his mind should be finally settled and made correct on those different points on which he has difficulty.

Resolved that Mr. Van Dyke having without a regular dismission or recommendation and contrary to the advice and instructions of this Board presented himself before the Presbytery of Columbia, and having taken licence to preach has acted in a manner disorderly & unwarrantable.

Resolved that the Presbytery of Columbia in licensing Mr. Van Dyke without any certificate of dismission or recommendation from the Superintendents of the Theological Seminary of the R. D. Church has violated the 2d & 5th Articles of Correspondence between the R. D. Church &

the Presbyterian Church - Therefore

Resolved that this Board deem it highly improper & unsafe that Mr Van Dyke be allowed to officiate in any of our churches.

Resolved that a copy of these resolutions be sent to the Revd the Moderator of the Presbytery of Columbia.

Resolved that measures be taken by this Board to bring this business before the General Synod of the R. D. Church and before the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, unless the Presbytery of Columbia rescind their proceedings in the case of Mr Van Dyke and within three months duly advise the President of this Board that they have so done.

Resolved that these resolutions be made known in a Circular addressed to our churches -

All which is respectfully submitted.

W. C. Brownlee Chairman

Resolved that the President and Secretary of this Board be authorised to draw up and issue the Circular above referred to.

Resolved that the Stated Clerk be authorised to prepare a copy of the whole proceedings of this meeting to be laid before the General Synod -

The Minutes having been read and approved the Board adjourned and was concluded with prayer -

James V. C. Romeyn Prest

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Thos M. Strong Stated Clerk -

The Board met agreeably to the order of General Synod in the Theological Hall in N. Brunswick on Thursday the 17th of July 1828 at 10 O'Clock A.M. — The following Members were present — viz

Revd Messrs J. Brodhead D.D. J. J. Chrystie, C. D. Westbrook, J. N. Wyckoff, R. J. Blair, P. P. Rouse, J. D. Fonda, P. Labagh, J. Ludlow D.D., A. D. Wilson, C. C. Cuyler, H. Brown, W. C. Brownlee D.D., J. L. Zabriskie, N. J. Marseley, B. C. Taylor, T. M. Strong.

A note of apology for non attendance from the Revd S. N. C. Domeyer the Pres^t of the Board was received and his excuse was sustained.

The President being absent the Rev^d Dr Brodhead was appointed President p. t. & opened the meeting with prayer.

The Minutes of the last stated and extra sessions of the Board were read.

The Revd J. L. Zabriskie was called on for his excuse for not returning to the Board before their adjournment at the last stated session; and his excuse was sustained.

Resolved that the resolution censuring the withdrawal of the Revd C. C. Cuyler from the last stated meeting of the Board be reconsidered. Whereupon it was

Resolved that the above resolution of the Board be & it hereby is rescinded.

The following report was received from the Revd Professor Nielledoler.

The Professor of Didactic & Polemic Theology reports to the Revd Board of Superintendents; That the whole number of Theological

students now in the Institution amounts to 20. viz.
of the Senior Class - Robert P. Lee, Henry A. Raymond & J. E. Quaw
of the Middle Class - Isaac D. Cole, James Demarest, Charles D. Wack, Henry Mandeville, Cornelius L. Van Dyke, James Talmage & Henry Morris.
of the Junior Class, Christopher Hunt, Francis M. Rip, Ransford Wells, John H. Bevier, John N. Pitcher, Abraham N. Myers, Alexander M. Mann, Frederic Cornell, Thomas A. Ammerman & Aaron A. Marselus -

Garrabrant Van Riper a student of the Junior Class was during the past year been removed by death.

The Undersigned further reports, that since the last examination by this Board he has carried the two upper Classes with care through the whole system of divine truth, and is happy to have it in his power to bear honorable testimony to the general good conduct diligence & proficiency of the students.

The Theological Professors have agreed to request, from this Board, an Official statement of all rules or regulations passed by it for the better government of the Institution.

All which is respectfully submitted.

- Ph. Milledoler

College N. Brunswick
July 17th 1828.

The following Report from the Revd Professor De Witt was received.

The Professor of Biblical Literature begs leave to report to the Board of Theological Superintendents that the number of Theolog. Students in the Seminary is twenty -

Garrabrant Van Riper was admitted but he has been removed by death.

John J. Clute was admitted but was induced by the Professors to withdraw on account of gross & persevering neglect of the Theological Lectures.

The health of the students during a few of the last months in the year has suffered. Mr Talmadge has been prevented from attending to the reading of Hebrew during the whole year on account of diseased eyes. Mr Ammerman has been interrupted in the course of his duties for about one half of the year by severe sickness. Mr Beverly's health has been such as to compel him to retire from the Seminary several months [illegible]. Mr Kip's health has failed towards the close of the present session: and it is doubtful whether he will be sufficiently strong to submit to an examination. Mr Marsh has attended the Lecture through the last term.

The moral & religious state of the Seminary it is hoped is good. The students are marked by a spirit of piety and love.

The following branches have been the subjects of instruction during the past year. The Junior Class have read XXV Chapters of Hebrew in Genesis and a small portion in Exodus. They have been initiated into the Critical Sacra of the Old Testament, the Canonical authority of the Old & New Testament and Sacred Archæology including Geography. The Senior & Middle Classes have been instructed in the principles of Interpretation and they have read through one Chapter of the Prophecies of Isaiah in Hebrew. And the whole Seminary have examined with critical care the Epistle of Paul to the Romans and a considerable portion of his Epis. to the Hebrews in Greek. The Junior have been exercised during the first session in the Analysis of the Pentateuch but as this portion of their studies has not been revised it is not stated with a view to its being taken up in the examination. The closing remark just made also applies to some portions of Campbell's Dissertations which have been the subject of discussion in the two upper Classes. A thorough examination of these dissertations is designed as the main business of the two upper Classes during the coming year.

Mr. Morris recently received into the Seminary is prepared to be examined only on the original Scripture -

The Professor would respectfully remind the Board of Superintendents of one of the conditions in the covenant between the Gen. Synod & the Board of Trustees of Rutgers College - viz

"The Professor of Languages in the Literary department shall attend to the instruction of the students in the Theological College in the grammatical knowledge of the Hebrew & Greek Languages" (Min. G. S. p. 22) This article has not been complied with on the part of the Literary professor on account of his ignorance of the Hebrew Language. The consequence has been that the Biblical Professor during three years has been compelled to attend to this branch of instruction for which it was contemplated that he should be relieved. This has proved a serious burden - & it has among other things, such as the perpetually increasing and multiplying duties connected with the Literary Faculty & the discipline of the College had the effect of diminishing the amount of the more important labours in both institutions. Let it be respectfully suggested that this service cannot any longer be performed by the Biblical Professor. Might not one of the more advanced Theolog. Students be procured to initiate the Junior Class during the first two sessions in the grammatical knowledge of Hebrew. Should one duly qualified & receiving aid from the funds of the Institution be engaged, such aid would be an ample compensation for his services; and this would fully satisfy the Professor's wishes & wants on this subject. He has done injustice to himself & he fears to his office by his reluctance to trouble the Board with this subject at an earlier period. The pressure is however becoming so great that the Board will excuse him for introducing it at present & he earnestly solicits relief at their hands. Should the suggestion above made meet the approbation of the Board, the Professor will with pleasure designate a person well qualified to perform the requisite duties.

All which is respectfully submitted

N. Brunswick 17th July 1828

John De Witt

Resolved that the Revd C. C. Cuyler, J. Ludlow D. D. & C. D. Westbrook be a Committee to prepare the Annual Report to Gen. Synod.

Resolved that so much of the Report of Professor DeWitt as relates to instruction in the grammatical knowledge of the Hebrew & Greek Languages be referred to the Revd Messrs R. Brown, J. J. Chrystie & J. H. Fonda.

Resolved that the request for an official statement of all rules or regulations passed by the Board for the better government of the Institution contained in the Report of Professor Milledoler be referred to the same Committee: and that the Revd Messrs J. Ludlow, J. M. Sharp & P. Labagh be added to said Committee.

The Revd Dr Brownlee obtained leave of absence from the remaining sessions of the Board.

Resolved that the Professors be notified that the Board are now ready to proceed to the examination of the Students.

The students of the Senior & Middle Classes were examined in part on Didactic & Polemic Theology.

The Board held a recess until 3 O'Clock.

3 O'Clock P. M.

The Board met and concluded the examination of the Senior & Middle Classes on Didactic & Polemic Theology.

Resolved that Professor DeWitt be requested to examine the students on the studies in his department tomorrow morning at 7 O'Clock.

The Board having been informed that the Members of the Senior Class had prepared Anniversary exercises & were ready to deliver them at such time & place as the Board may designate, it was

Resolved that they be delivered tomorrow evening in the church at 1/2 past 7 O'Clock.

The following Report was received from the Revd. Professor Cannon.

To the Board of Superintendents the undersigned begs leave to report, That in the execution of his office in the Theological Seminary during the year just past he has delivered six Lectures per week three to the members of the Senior Class & three to those of the Junior. That the subjects of study by the Senior Class have been Church Government — a portion of Pastoral Theology relating to the duties of the Pastoral Office — that portion of Ancient Sacred History which commences with the Era of Nabonassar and extends to the Christian Era and the History of the Christian Church — That the Junior Class have attended to a portion of Pastoral Theology — to a portion of Ancient Sacred History — to the Analysis of passages of Scripture & the composition of Sermons & to the exercise of delivery so far as that each member of the Class has delivered before the School two sermons through the year.

Respecting the diligence in study and the regular Christian conversation of the Students now in the Seminary the undersigned feels thankful to God, that he is permitted to make to the Revd. Board the most favourable report.

The Undersigned contemplates some change in his Lectures hereafter so as to fulfil the plan proposed by yourselves — by instructing the Middle Class in portions of Ancient Sacred History not before read by them when Juniors — & in the History of the Christian Church down to the reign of Constantine — & he finds that the whole History of the Christian Church cannot be well read by the Senior Class in the last year of their course consistently with the attention which they must bestow on other branches of Theological Science.

Respectfully submitted.

Jas. S. Cannon Pr.

Newton College
July 17th 1828

a certified copy of the proceedings of Gen. Synod in the case of Mr. L. B. Van Dyke was presented & ordered to be laid on the Table.

The Board adjourned until tomorrow morning 8 O'Clock & was concluded with prayer.

July 18th

The Board met at 8 O'Clock A.M. pursuant to adjournment & was opened with prayer.

Agreeably to previous appointment the Revd. Dr. Brodhead preached a sermon before the Board on the last evening from Luke XXI. 29-31.

The Junior Class was examined on Sacred Geography - Biblical Antiquities - the Canon of the Old Testament and Critica Sacra.

The Board held a recess until 9 O'Clock.

9 O'Clock A.M.

The Board met - The Students of the Senior, Middle & Junior Classes were examined on the Hebrew & Greek Languages - The Senior & Middle Classes were examined on Critica Hermeneutica. The Students of the Junior Class were examined on Pastoral Theology - and Sacred History -

Discourses prepared by the Students were laid on the Table.

The Board held a recess until 3 O'Clock.

3 O'Clock P.M.

The Board met agreeably to appointment -

The Committee on that part of the Report of Professor Milledoler which relates to a request for a copy of the acts & regulations of the Board for the government of the Theolog. College & on the request contained in the Report of Prof. De Witt for relief from teaching the grammatical

knowledge of Hebrew &c reported & their report was adopted & is as follows:

The Committee below was referred so much of the Report of Prof. Milledoler as requests in the name of the three Professors, an official statement of all the rules or regulations passed by the Board for the better government of the Theological Institution and so much of the Report of Prof. DeWitt as requests that he may be relieved from the necessity of instructing the young Gentlemen in the Institution in the elements of the Hebrew language &c Report. That it appears from the Minutes of the Board of Superintendents that their Stated Clerk was directed to furnish the Professors with an official statement of the various acts of the Board for the government of the Institution passed prior to the meeting of the Board in 1820 and that no additional acts have been passed since that period. And therefore the Committee recommend for the adoption of the Board the following resolution - viz.

Resolved that the Professors be respectfully referred to the above mentioned copy of the rules & regulations of the Board & to the amended plan of the Theological School as found appended to the minutes of General Synod in 1828 for the information which they desire -

In relation to the report of Prof. DeWitt, your Committee recommend to the Board the adoption of the following resolutions - viz.

Resolved that the Professors in the Theological Seminary be authorised to engage for the ensuing year the Rev. Mr. Mulligan as well qualified for the service contemplated and allow him a compensation not exceeding one hundred and fifty dollars, or in case they cannot obtain the services of Mr. Mulligan, that they have power to employ such other person as they may judge competent on the best terms -

Resolved the Rev. Jno. Zabriskie P. Labagh & C. A. Van Vranken be a Committee to meet with the Board of Trustees of the Literary Institu-

-tion and request them in consideration of the fact that they have not entirely fulfilled the conditions of the covenant entered into between them & the Gen. Synod, to make provision for the payment of Mr. Mulligan, in the event of his compliance with the proposals which shall be made to him by our Theological Professors —

— Resolved in case the Trustees do not agree to compensate Mr. Mulligan for his services, that this Board will and hereby do assume that responsibility —

All which is submitted

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The Committee appointed at the last stated meeting for the purpose of inquiring into the state of the arrears due from Students to this Board of wire called upon & not being prepared to report were continued and directed to report at the next stated meeting of the Board.

Resolved that the Revd. P. Labaugh be appointed the primarius and the Revd. E. C. Cuyler the secundus to preach the Sermon before this Board at their next stated Session.

Resolved that Messrs. Dr. Brownlee, J. L. Zabriskie, Dr. Bradhead, W. J. Marsden & J. M. Strong be a Committee to act with the Professors in the admission of Students to the Theological Seminary & that the Professors notify said committee whenever applications for admission are made.

Resolved that the Revd. Dr. Ludlow be requested to deliver an address to the Students at the next stated meeting of the Board, provided the President should not perform the said duty — of which declination he shall give due notice to the Secundus previous to the next stated meeting of the Board.

Resolved that the Revd. Messrs. E. C. Cuyler & Dr. Ludlow be a

appointed a Committee to enquire which of the Junior Class if any, have not been regularly admitted into the Theological College —

Resolved that in future the Committee to act with the Professors in the admission of Students do regularly report their proceedings to the Board at the next stated meeting succeeding their appointment and that said Report be the first business to be attended to by the Board.

The Senior Class was examined in Chinese Government, Ecclesiastical History, Pastoral Theology, experimental religion and their views in desiring to enter the Gospel Ministry —

The Committee to enquire which of the Junior Class if any have not been regularly admitted into the Theological School reported, that Messrs. Frederic Cornell, Thomas A. Ammerman and Aaron A. Marselus are in this situation — Whereupon

Thomas A. Ammerman and Aaron A. Marselus having appeared before the Board and produced satisfactory testimonials it was

Resolved that they be and are hereby admitted as Members of the Theological Seminary —

The Board held a recess until 9 O'Clock P.M.

9 O'Clock P.M.

The Board met — Agreeably to the appointment of the Board the Members of the Senior Class delivered their anniversary exercises this evening in the Church — —

Resolved that the examination of Messrs. Robert P. Lee, James E. Quant and Henry A. Raymond be sustained and that they be recommended to the Professors for their Professoral Certificates —

The Students of the Seminary were addressed by the Revd. Cornelius C. Cuyler —

Whereas it appears that Mr. J. J. Clute was by the permission of the Professors permitted to attend the Lectures in the Theological College and was on account of great remissness in attending the duties required of him induced by the solicitation of the Professors to withdraw from the Institution; and Whereas he has applied to this Board to be regularly received into the School but since he has not produ-

ced sufficient testimonials of his literary attainments and moral and religious character — Therefore Resolved that he cannot now be admitted into the Institution —

The Committee to prepare the Annual Report to General Synod produced the same which was adopted and is as follows:

To the Revd. General Synod, the Board of Superintendents present the following Report,

That pursuant to the direction of the General Synod the Board met in the Theological Hall in the city of New-Brunswick on the 1st day of July 1828. — Reports were received from each of the Professors — The reports represented the following young gentlemen as Members of the Theological College —

Senior Class	Middle Class	Junior Class
Peter P. Lee	Isaac D. Cole	John H. Bevier
James E. Quinn	James Demarest	Christopher Hunt
Henry A. Raymond	Henry Mandeville	Francis M. Kip
	James Talmage	Alexander M. Mann
	Cornelius L. Van Dyke	Abraham F. Myers
	Charles P. Wack	John H. Pitcher
	Henry Morris	Ransford Wells
		Frederic Cornell
		Thomas A. Ammerman
		Aaron A. Marsh

James Bevendage who was reported last year has withdrawn from the Institution and Garrabrants Van Riper who was received last fall, has been removed by death —

The Professors bear the most ample testimony to the good and exemplary conduct diligence and proficiency of the Students — The Senior Class was examined on the studies of the whole course and the Middle and Junior Classes, excepting Mr. Bevier who was absent on account of want of health on the studies pursued by them respectively during the year as greatly to the plan of study directed by General Synod — The Senior Class was also examined on experimental religion and their views in desiring to enter into the gospel Ministry — The whole examination was highly satisfactory to the Board and bore honourable testimony to the faithfulness, intelligence and zeal

of the Professors and the diligence and proficiency of the Students.

Aaron A. Marsilius having entered the Institution at the Session had made some progress, having satisfied the Professors by his diligence and proficiency, and the [illegible] examination, is to be recommended to General Synod for a dispensation.

The Members of the Senior Class were cheerfully recommended for professional certificates and upon leaving the Institution commended to God and the word of his grace, in the hope that they will become faithful and able ministers of the New Testament.

In [illegible] aspect and prospects of the school are encouraging and promise to meet under the divine blessing the desires, prayers and wants of the church. For this fountain of sacred [illegible] the Board solicit the continued regard & fervent prayers of the General Synod and the whole church. They would specially recommend to your attention the wants of the Library and the Education Fund as of the highest importance to the promotion of our prosperity under a perfect conviction that the subject need only be fairly presented in order to meet the liberal support and prompt attention which it merits.

The Board will conclude by blessing Him who is "Head over all things to his church" for his name and unmerited favours to this "School of the prophets" imploring his continued presence and grace and wishing the General Synod and the Church grace, mercy and peace, from God our father and Jesus Christ our Lord".

Respectfully submitted

Theological Hall July 18th 1828 C. C. Pryler Chairman.

The Board record with deep regret but humble submission to God, the decease of the Rev. John Cornelison one of their number since the last stated meeting.

The roll was called when it appeared that the Rev. [illegible]

was absent without leave -

The following Members of the Board were not present during the sessions - Revd Messrs [illegible] - [illegible] Schoonmaker, [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] - [illegible] - [illegible] - [illegible] - [illegible] - [illegible] - [illegible], [illegible] - M. R. [illegible]

The Minutes [illegible] were read [illegible]

Resolved that the Board adjourn to meet in the Theological Hall on the [illegible] immediately succeeding the Commencement in Rutgers College in [illegible] 1829 at 8 o'clock A. M.

Concluded with prayer.

Jacob Brodhead [illegible] P. T.
[illegible] [illegible] Sec^y

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[illegible] [illegible] Stated Clerk

The Board met agreeable to adjournment at the Theological Hall on Thursday - July 16th 1829 at 8 O'Clock A.M.

The following Members were present - - Revd Messrs J. C. Ro[illegible] J. Brodhead D.D. C. C. Cuyler D.D. J. Schoonmaker. [illegible] [illegible] - [illegible] Westbrook D.D. P. Labagh - J. M. Wyckoff. [illegible], W. Mc Murray D.D. J. C. Miller T. M. Strong - [illegible] Ketchum W. R. Bogardus, R. Kuyler - J. Ludlow D.D. [illegible] -

The meeting was opened with prayer by the President -

The Minutes of the last meeting of the Board were read.

The following Report was received, from the Committee to act with the Professors in the admission of Students to the Theological Seminary -

The Committee to examine applicants for admission into the Theological School respectfully report — That they met in the Theological Hall on the 15th of September 1828 when the following persons applied for admission into the Seminary and having produced the necessary credentials and having been examined respecting their christian experience and their views in desiring to enter the gospel ministry were received as [illegible] of the Theological School — viz. Messrs David Cushing — John Liddle — John Manley and Cornelius C. Van Arsdalen —

J. Brodhead Chair —

Resolved that the Board will proceed to the Examination of the Students at 10 Clock and that Professor Milledoler be requested to commence the examination on the branches in his department —

The following Report was received from the Revd Professor Milledoler

The Professor of Didactic & Polemic Theology respectfully reports to the Board of Superintendents that there are now in the Institution 21 Students — viz.

Of the first Class — Isaac D. Cole — James Demarest — Henry Mandeville — James R. Talmage — Cornelius C. Van Dyke — Charles P. Wack —

Of the Second Class — Thomas A. Ammerman — Frederic C. Cornell — Christopher Hunt, Francis M. Kip — Alexander M. Mann — Aaron A. Marsellus — Abraham H. Myers — John H. Pitcher — Ransford Wells.

Of the Third Class — David Cushing — Isaac H. Gregory — John A. Liddle — John Manley — Cornelius C. Van Arsdalen — Henry Wyck. 4 Sub.

The proficiency of the young men in his department during the past year has been good and their conduct exemplary

Ph. Milledoler

New York Sunday July 16th 1821 —

The following Report was received from the Revd Professor Cannon.

The Undersigned begs leave to report to the Board of Superintendents that through the year past he has attended to the duties assigned him and delivered to the Senior Class Lectures on Church

Government and Pastoral Theology — and conducted them through the History of the Christian Church and that portion of Ancient Sacred History which commences with the fall of the Kingdom of Israel and terminates at the Christian era. This class have been called to Lecture Recitations on three days of the week — That the Middle Class have read the 1st 2d 3d Centuries of the History of the Church of Christ and a portion of Ancient Sacred History — and that the Junior Class were instructed in the art of Harmonizing — employed in analysing passages of Scripture and in reading the Old Testament History from the Creation to the Promulgation of the Law — that the Middle Class received one Lecture and the Junior three Lectures in every week —

The Undersigned adds that the Members of the Theological Classes have maintained a conversation such as becometh the Gospel and manifested a desire to improve their minds in the knowledge of divine Truth —

[illegible] Cannon —

Resolved that the Revd P. Labagh be excused from preaching the Sermon before the Board this evening —

The Students of the Senior Class having requested that their Anniversary Exercises should be held in the Chapel it was Resolved that their request be granted —

The Senior and Middle Classes were examined on Didactic and Polemic Theology —

Resolved that Professor De Witt be requested to commence the examination of the Students in his department at 1/2 past 3 O'Clock P. M.

The Board held a recess until 1/2 past 3 O'Clock —

1/2 past 3 O'Clock P. M.

The Board met —

The following Report was received from the Revd Professor De Witt

The undersigned respectfully reports to the [illegible] of Superintendents, and that the Theological College contains twenty one students — viz (see Report of Professor Milledoler)

The Institution has been blessed with peace and health and the Students have generally manifested a due regard to order industry and piety —

The Junior Class has been carried through the usual branches of Sacred Criticism — the Canon of the Old and New Testament — Sacred Geography & Biblical Antiquities — The Second Class has been instructed in the principles & Rules of Sacred Interpretation. The two upper Classes have been exercised in the practical use of those rules in a critical & analytical examination of so much of the prophecies of Isaiah in the Hebrew language as is comprised from the 21st to the 41st Chapters inclusive. And all the Classes in the Greek Testament have laboured very diligently in the examination of the Epistle of Paul to the Hebrews. They have also compared & read in Harmony the first four Chapters in each of the four Gospels. — Mr Talmage has been hindered from reading the Hebrew Scripture by a disease of the eyes — Towards the close of the year Mr Manley also has suffered from ill health — And it is not known whether he is able to be present at the examination of his Class. Mr Mulligan reports that the Junior Class have been carried through the Hebrew Grammar and have read the first 25 Chapters in Genesis —

All which is respectfully submitted

J. De Witt Prof. Bib. Liter.

New Brunswick [illegible] 1842.

Discourses delivered by the Students were laid on the table.

The Members of the Senior & Middle Classes were examined on the principles of Interpretation – The Senior & Middle Junior Classes were examined on the Hebrew & Greek Grammars.

Resolved that the preaching of the Sermon before the Board during this session be dispensed with –

Resolved that the Students of the Senior Class deliver their Valedictory Exercises in the Chapel this evening at ½ past 7 o'clock –

The following Students obtained leave of absence for this evening

The Board held a recess until ½ past 2 o'Clock –

½ past 2 o'Clock P. M.

The Board met and the Members of the Senior Class delivered their Valedictory Exercises –

Resolved that Professor Cannon be requested to examine the Students in his department tomorrow morning at 9 o'Clock.

The Senior Class was examined on Biblical Antiquities, Sacred Geography and the Canon of Scripture –

Adjourned sine die tomorrow morning at 9 o'Clock

Concluded with prayer –

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The Board met according to adjournment at 9 o'Clock A.M. and was opened with prayer.

The Middle Class was examined on Ecclesiastical History –

The Board held a recess until 8 o'Clock –

8 O'Clock A.M.

The Board met — The Senior & Junior Classes were examined on Pastoral Theology — The Senior Class was examined on Church Government, on experimental religion and on their views in desiring to enter the gospel Ministry —

Whereupon it was Resolved that the examination of Messrs J. D. Cole, J. Demarest, Henry Vandeville, James R. Talmage, Cornelius Vanderlyke and Charles P. Wack be sustained and that they be recommended to the Professors for their Certificate —

Resolved that the Revd. J. Brodhead D.D., W. C. Brownlee D.D., M. J. Marseley, J. L. Zabriskie and T. M. Strong be appointed a Committee to act with the Professors in the admission of Students to the Theological Seminary

Resolved that the President of this Board preach the annual Sermon at the next Stated meeting and that the Revd. P. Duryee be his Secondary —

Whereas application has been made to this Board on the part of the Student John Liddle that they would unite in a recommendation for a dispensation in his behalf — Resolved that Mr. J. Liddle be permitted to attend the recitations of the Senior Class during the coming year and that if at the annual examination in April next he be found competent he be recommended to General Synod for a Dispensation —

Agreeably to previous appointment the President of the Board delivered an Address to the Students of the Seminary —

Whereupon it was Resolved that the President be requested to furnish a copy of his address for publication in the Magazine of the Reformed Dutch Church —

Resolved that the Revd. Dr. J. Ludlow be appointed to deliver the Address to the Students at the next Stated meeting of the Board.

Resolved that the Examination of the Students before the Board during the present Session has been satisfactory —

The Minutes were read and approved —

The Board adjourned to meet agreeably to the order of General Synod on the Tuesday in April next immediately succeeding the close of the winter Session at 10 o'clock A.M.

Concluded with prayer by the President —

James V. C. Romeyn President
Thomas M. Strong Secy —

A true copy from the original Minutes

Thos. M. Strong Stated Clerk —

The Board of Superintendents met agreeably to adjournment at the Theological Hall on Tuesday the 13th of April 1830.

The following Members were present — Revd. Dr. V. C. Romeyn Prest. Revd. Dr. Yates, Westbrook, Ludlow, Brodhead, Brownlee, Messrs. Schoonmaker, Brook, Chrystie, Miller, Smyter, Wyckoff, Dunyea, [illegible] —

The meeting was opened with prayer by the President —

In the absence of the Revd. T. M. Strong the Stated Clerk the Revd. Dr. J. Brodhead was appointed Secretary pro tem.

The Minutes of the last meeting of the Board were read —

The Committee appointed to act with the Professors in the admission of Students to the Theological Seminary presented the following Report

The Committee appointed to act with the Professors in the admission of Students to the Theological School respectfully report that they met in the Theological Hall on the 11th of Sept. 1829 when Garrit J. Garretson, Garrit C. Schenck, John C. Baldwin, Robert D. Currie, Leonard Rogers, Alexander H. Warner, Canon Van Liem and Benjamin Swartz appeared before them and having produced the necessary credentials & been examined on experimental religion & on their views in desiring to enter the gospel ministry were received as members of the Theological Seminary. Professor Milledoler reported that since the session of the Committee in the fall of 1828 the Professors had admitted Mr. Oscar Gregory into the Seminary, which act was approved by the Committee.

[illegible] Brodhead Seminary

The following Report was received from the Revd. Professor Milledoler —

The Professor of Didactic & Polemic Theology respectfully reports to the Board of Superintendents of the Theological Seminary that the number of Students now in the institution is 24 — viz.

Of the Senior Class.

Thomas A. Ammerman, Christopher Hunt, Francis M. Ross, John Liddle, Alexander M. Mann, Aaron A. Marseling, Abraham H. Myers, John M. Pitcher & Transford Weiss —

Of the Middle Class

John H. Bevier, Oscar M. Gregory, David Cushing, John Manley and Cornelius C. Van Aydalen —

Of the Junior Class

John C. Baldwin, Robert D. Currie, Garret J. Garretson, John V. Robbins, Leonard Rogers, Garret C. Schenck, Richard L. Schoonmaker, Benjamin Swartz, John C. Van Liem & Alexander H. Warner —

At the opening of the present Theological year commencing in September

Last the following plan was proposed to the Students of the Senior & Middle Classes & acted upon for two sessions — viz.

The Professor of Dialectic & Polemic Theology proposes after passing examination upon the Prolegomena with both classes, partially to seperate these classes, to meet them at different hours & to prosecute the study of theology on the following plan — viz.

1. Every meeting of the Classes wether seperate or combined shall as heretofore be opened & closed with prayer —

2. Both Classes shall be exercised on Marks Medulla thrice every week & on the same pages in number & substance —

3. The Senior Class shall prepare themselves in writing for each lecture on such theological questions to be proposed by the Professor as shall be connected with or grow out of that part of the Text Book which contains the lesson of the day; & all shall write on the same question or questions —

4. Two or more members of the Senior Class shall be called upon at each meeting to read their productions in the presence of the Class & of the Professor to be subjected to the remarks of the Professor.

5. The Middle Class shall prepare themselves as heretofore for examination on the Text Book —

6. At every 4th Lecture the two Classes shall meet for general examination as heretofore conducted, on that portion of the Text Book which shall have been discussed in the three preceding lectures. The number of theological questions proposed & discussed by the Senior during the two first sessions was about 18. The usual time of examination of the Institutions having been changed by General Synod, we returned to our original mode of instruction at the commencement of the last session.

In addition to the questions above noticed and nine Lectures, comprising the Prolegomena, the Seniors have also received during the past year many short dissertations & some lectures on various & important parts of our theological system —

The Middle Class have passed through their first & the Senior Class

through their second course of the system, and are now in waiting for examination before the Board — Respectfully submitted

Philip Milledoler.

New Brunswick April 13th 1830 —

The following Report was received from the Revd Professor Cannon — The undersigned begs leave to report to the Board of Superintendents, that during the two last College terms he has delivered lectures,

1. To the Senior Class on Pastoral Theology, Church Government & History on three days of every week —
2. To the Middle Class on Ancient Church History & a portion of the History of the Christian Church — one Sermon per week —
3. To the Junior Class on the Art of Sermonizing & on Ancient Sacred History three recitations per week —

The attendance of the Junior Class on recitations, their proficiency & pious deportment have been such as the undersigned must highly commend —

Some members of the Middle Class have been less diligent in their studies with me than I wished — their attention probably having been devoted in a great measure to the study of the Hebrew language. With respect to their pious deportment so far as is known to me I must say that it has been irreprehensible & exemplary. The Senior Class have been attentive to their studies making all along good proficiency & have behaved with christian propriety.

Rutgers College April 13th 1830 James J. Cannon Prof.

The following report was received from the Revd Professor De Witt —

The Professor of Biblical Literature respectfully reports to the Board of Theological & Superintendents — That during the past year the business of his department has been conducted agreeably to the regulations of the

Institution. With the exception of the Critica Sacra of the N. Testament the Junior Class have passed over the usual ground. Their attention has been engaged in sacred archaeology in all its branches — in the Hebrew language — the Canons of Scripture & the Critica Sacra of the Old Testament. The Middle Class has received instruction in the elements of sacred interpretation. The Senior & Middle Classes have together examined with critical care the chief prophecies of the Old Testament relating to the Messiah in the Hebrew language. In the New Testament the whole College has been occupied during the last session in examining the first Epistle of Paul to the Corinthians in the original Greek.

The deportment & diligence of the Students as far as I have [illegible] of observing them have on the whole been commendable. The only exception which a sense of duty compels me to make is in the case of Mr Van Arsdalen of the Middle Class. His moral deportment as far as I know has been unexceptionable — but his attendance on lectures & his earnest application to the business of the Institution have not been such as to entitle him to praise. Perhaps further inquiry on his subject may be advisable.

All which is respectfully submitted —

John De Witt

April 13th, 1830.

Resolved that this Board will proceed to the examination of the students this afternoon at 3 o'clock & that Professor Milledoler be requested to commence the examination on the branches in his department.

The Revd Dr Brownlee, Dr Ludlow & Wyckoff were appointed a committee to draw up the Annual Report to General Synod —

Resolved that the Revd Philip Lindsley be appointed to preach before this Board at its next stated meeting and that the Revd Mr Brook be his secondary —

Resolved that the Revd Dr Yates be appointed to deliver the

Address to the Students at the next stated meeting of the Board.

The Students of the Middle & Senior Classes were requested to lay their Sermons on the Table for the inspection of the Board —

Resolved that the Students of the Senior Class deliver their discourses before the Board tomorrow evening at 7 o'clock in the College Chapel.

Resolved that the Professors in the course of the examination on their several branches of the Theological course be suffered to go on in the examination without any interruption by questions from the Board of Superintendents, except at the close of such division of the subject as the Professor engaged in examining his class shall signify to the Board by a pause in his questions.

The Board held a recess until 2 past 2 o'clock

½ past 2 o'clock P. M.

The Board met — Resolved that the Revd. C. D. Westbrook Dr. R. Brook & J. M. Christie, be a Committee in reference to the Reports of Dr. Cannon & Dr. Witt on the subject of delinquencies of some Students in the Seminary —

Professor Milledolar commenced the examination of the Senior & Middle Classes on Didactic & Pomme Theology and continued it until 8 o'clock when the Board held a recess until 9 o'clock —

At 7 o'clock the Revd. J. V. C. Romeo according to appointment preached a sermon in the church from Nehemiah IV 18

9 o'clock P. M.

The Board met & resumed the examination on Didactic Theology which having been continued for some time the Board adjourned to meet tomorrow morning at ½ past 8 o'clock —

concluded with prayer

April 14th 1830

The Board met agreeably to adjournment at 12 past 8 o'clock & was opened with prayer —

Professor Milledoler resumed the examination on the subject in his department and continued proceeded until 11 o'clock when the Board resolved to proceed to the examination in the department of the Professor of Biblical Literature —

The Junior Class were then examined by Professor De Witt on the Critica Sacra of the Old Testament & on the Canon of Scripture —

The Revd. Messrs. Labrishie, Marseley & Strong appeared & took their seats —

The Board held a recess until 12 past 2 o'clock —

12 past 2 o'clock P.M.

The Board met — The Revd. [illegible] appeared & took his seat. The Junior Class were examined on the different branches of Biblical Archaeology — The Senior & Middle Classes were examined on the original languages of the Old & New Testaments —

Resolved that Professor Cannon be requested to commence the examination of the Students in his department immediately after the close of the Anniversary exercises this evening —

The Board held a recess until 7 o'clock —

7 o'clock P.M.

The Board met — Present as before —

Resolved that the resolution passed yesterday requiring the members of the Senior Class to deliver their Anniversary Exercises this evening be reconsidered. Whereupon it was — Resolved that the delivery of the Anniversary Exercises by the Junior Class be dispensed with — [illegible] the same on the Table for the inspection of the Members of the Board —

Professor Cannon examined the Students of the Junior Class on Pastoral Theology

and the Students on the Senior Class on the Sacraments — The Junior & Senior Classes were examined on Ecclesiastical History —

Adjourned to meet to morrow morning at 8 O'Clock.

Concluded with prayer —

April 15th

The Board met at 8 O'Clock and was opened with prayer by the President. The Members of the Senior Class were examined on personal religion & on their views in desiring to enter the gospel ministry —

Resolved that the Examination of Messrs Thomas A. Ammerman, Christopher Hunt, Francis M. Kip, Alexander Mann, Aaron A. Marsely, Abraham H. Myers, John N. Pitcher and Reansford Wells be sustained and that they be recommended to the Professors for their Certificate —

Resolved that the Student John Liddle be recommended to the Professors for their Certificate of his theological attainments & to the General Synod agreeably to his request for a dispensation of one years study —

Resolved that the Revd Dr Brownlee, Dr Brodhead, H. J. Marsely, P. Lavayne & Dr M. Strong be a Committee to act with the Professors in the admission of Students to the Theological Seminary and that they report at the first meeting of the Board to be appointed by the next General Synod.

Resolved that it be recommended to the General Synod to alter the time for the Annual examination of the Students to the first Tuesday in April. —

The Committee on the delinquencies of Students mentioned in the reports of the Professors submitted their report which was accepted — Whereupon it was

Resolved that a Committee consisting of Messrs Romeyn & Dr Yates & Schoonmaker be appointed by the Board to admonish Mr Van Aydalen privately for his delinquencies & to appose him in the name of the Board that if there be no amend-

ment in his conduct they will be compelled to withold from him on the final examination his recommendation for a professional Certificate.

The above Committee subsequently reported that they had attended to the business assigned to them —

The Committee to draft the Report to General Synod reported and their report was amended adopted & is as follows:

To the General Synod the Board of Superintendents of the Theological College beg leave respectfully to present the following Report.

Agreeably to the direction of General Synod the Board met in the College Hall in the city of New Brunswick on the 13th of April 1830.

The Board having been duly organised Reports were received from each of the Professors. The following young gentlemen were reported as members of the Theological Seminary — viz.

Senior Class	Middle Class	Junior Class
Thomas A. Ammerman	John H. Bevier	John C. Baldwin
Christopher Hunt	Oscar H. Gregory	Robert O. Currie
Francis M. Kip	David Cushing	Garret J. Garretson
John Liddle	John Mauler	John V. Robins
Alexander M. Mann	Cornelius C. Van Arsdalen — 5	Leonard Reyes
Aaron A. Marselus		Garrit C. Schenck
Abraham H. Myers		Richd. Schoonmaker
John N. Pitcher		Benjamin Swartz
Rangford Reeves — 9		John C. Van Lieu
		Alexander H. Warner — 10 Small 24.

The moral & religious character of each of these students has been represented by the Professors as examples. And they have applied themselves in general with diligence to their studies, and have made very commendable proficiency. —

The Senior Students were examined on the whole course of Studies which they have pursued in the Theological College, agreeably to the plan laid down by the General Synod — And the Middle & Junior Classes on those branches which they have respectively pursued during the past year. The Senior Class was also examined on personal religion &c.

their views & motives in desiring to enter the holy ministry. The whole examination was conducted with strictness & care — And the Board are grateful in bearing on the testimony to the satisfaction which it has afforded them. It exhibited at once the distinguished ability, fidelity & zeal with which each of the different Professors has executed the important duties entrusted to him & at the same time the laudable application & proficiency of their pupils.

In obedience to a resolution of the Board in July last year, the student Mr John Liddle (who had made considerable progress in his theological studies in Scotland previous to his being received in this Seminary) has attended the recitation of the Senior Class; and having given full & satisfactory evidence of his diligence & competency, the Board do according to his request, recommend him to the General Synod for a dispensation —

The Members of the Senior Class were carefully recommended for their professional certificate — And the Board on the departure of these young gentlemen from under their care in this College, do earnestly commend them to the care of the Great King & Head of the Church & to the precious grace of his Spirit: — indulging the hope, that in due time they will become eminently useful & faithful ministers of the gospel in our Church.

It is with unfeigned gratification that the Board states that your Theological College, which has grown up under your unwearied fostering care, continues to present a promising & encouraging aspect. The blessing of the Most High God has been evidently resting on it & refreshing it. And they beg leave affectionately to hold it up before your venerable body & before all our Churches; and solicit very earnestly your continued affectionate regards & fervent prayers on behalf of this College of sacred situation: — that it may be still more & more blessed: that many eminently pious & useful servants of Christ may be trained up here, who shall gladden the waste places of Zion. In this our day the harvest is great & the cry from our Missionary stations & destitute churches is urgent & painful. It is only by patronizing this Seminary & by devising means to increase the number of its students, that you can send forth ministers at the cry of perishing souls.

And here in connection with this the Board would [illegible] [illegible]

earnestly to draw the attention of the Synod to the urgent wants of the Library, & the pressing necessity of the Education Society of our Church. These are unquestionably of vital importance to the interests of this Seminary. And especially they need only to be presented before our Churches by your venerable Body, in order to excite prompt attention and liberal support —

The Board have resolved to recommend to the Synod to alter the time for the annual examination of the Students to the first Tuesday in April.

In conclusion your Board offer up their praise & hearty thanks — giving to our Merciful & gracious Lord, who has in his sovereign goodness & unmerited grace bestowed so many signal favours & blessings on your School of the prophets: — May he be pleased long to preserve the lives & the health of his servants the Professors: may his divine benediction rest on each of the precious youth who are here pursuing their studies, with a view to the holy ministry & may he from time to time add continually to their numbers — And may grace mercy & peace be with you venerable Fathers & brethren & with the whole Church —

All which is respectfully submitted

W. C. Brownlee Chairman

New Brunswick
April 15th 1830

The Rev. Dr. J. Ludlow agreeably to previous appointment addressed the Students of the Seminary —

The Minutes were read & approved —

The Board adjourned to meet in this place at such time as the General Synod may direct —

Concluded with prayer —

J. V. C. Romeyn Pres.

Thos. McCrony Sec.y

A true Copy from the original Minutes —

Thos. McCrony Stated Sec.

The Board of Superintendents was agreeable to the order of General Synod in the College Hall at New Brunswick on Tuesday the Tenth of April 1881 The Rev Jacob Brodhead D.D. was called to the Chair, and the Meeting opened by prayer by the Rev J. J. Janeway D.D.

The following persons had been chosen by the last General Synod to constitute the Board of Superintendents of Rutgers Theological College. Viz Rev Jacob Brodhead D.D. Wm C. Ramsler D.D. Wm McMurray D.D. James B. Hardenbergh, Jacob J. Janeway D.D. Samuel Van Vranken, J. V. C. Romeyn, Abraham Messler, John J. Christie, Christian L. Paulison, Jacob Schoonmaker, Thos M. Strong, Peter Labagh, Gabriel Lindsley, Comr C. Cuyler D.D. Comr D. Westbrook, D.D. Samuel Nissam, Isaac Fenn, Wm R. Bogardus, Henry Ostrander, Richard Sluyter, Comr Van Cleef, Herman B. Stryker, James Stevenson, Jacob D. Fonda, Comr Bogardus, Jacob Van Vechten, John B. Steel, John H. Van Waggenen, Henry A. Raymond, Andrew Yates D.D. and John C. Schermaker.

Of these the following appeared viz. Jacob Brodhead D.D. Jacob J. Janeway D.D. Samuel Van Vranken, Abraham Messler, Jacob Schoonmaker, Thos M. Strong, Peter Labagh, Comr D. Westbrook, Wm R. Bogardus, Herman B. Stryker, James B. Hardenbergh.

The Board proceeded to the election of officers. In counting the ballots it appeared that the Rev Jacob Brodhead was appointed President, The Rev Thos M. Strong Stated clerk and the Rev Abraham Messler Secretary.

The Rev Thos M. Strong requested leave to resign the office of Stated clerk which was granted and the members proceeded to ballot a second

time for Stated clerk, when on counting the ballots it appeared that the Rev Wm McMurray D.D. was elected Stated clerk of the Board

The minutes of the last meeting were read.

The committee appointed to act in concert with the Professors in the admission of students reported & was accepted and is as follows—

The undersigned respectfully report to the Board of Superintendents that in consequence of a misunderstanding in relation to the notice for meeting he was the only one of the committee to act in concert with the Professors in the admission of students who attended at the opening of the School in September last. The following persons having produced the requisite testimonials & having given satisfactory evidence of personal religion, and of correct heads in reasoning to enter into the Gospel Ministry were received as members of the Institution. Viz Messrs William ~~[illegible]~~ Brush, Benjamin Bissler & Jacob Van Ansdale. Two others applied but were not found qualified to enter — The Professors reported that since the session of the committee in the fall of 1827 Messrs John Robins and Richard Schoonmaker had been by them received in the Seminary.

All which is respectfully submitted

Thos M. Strong

April 5. 1831 —

The following report was received from the Rev Professor Miller

The Professor of Didactic and Polemic Theology reports to the Board of Superintendents of the Theological College that the number of students connected with the institution during the past year has been 21. Viz

Of the Senior Class
John N. Bevier
David Cushing

[illegible] H. Gregory
John Hanley [illegible]
Corn. C. Van Aesdalen
Of the Middle Class —
John C. Baldwin
John V. Robins
Robt. O. Currie
Garret J. Garretson
Leonard Rodgers
Garret J. Schenck
Richard L. Schoonmaker
Benjamin Swartz
John C. Van Liew — and
Alexander N. Warner
Of the Junior Class
Benjamin Dafsler
Wm. Brush
Matthias [illegible]
Richard C. Ludlow
Enoch Van Aken — and
Jacob Van Aesdalen

Of this number Robt. O. Currie has (in consequence of a joint appointment of the Board of Superintendents and Faculty of the College) been dismissed at his own request to take charge of the Rectorship of Said School and Corn. C. Van Aesdalen has also at his own request been recently been dismissed from the Seminary.

It has pleased God in the course of his adorable Providence to lay his afflicting hand during the past year on some of the most hopeful young men — John V. Robins and Benjamin Swartz of the middle, and Richard C. Ludlow of the Junior Class have been obliged by severe bodily indisposition to suspend their studies and retire from New Brunswick —

The latest accounts [illegible] of the health of the two former is extremely [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] lows case is more flattering yet connected with doubt

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[illegible]

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The following report was received from the Rev. Professor Cannon.

The undersigned begs leave to report to the Board of Superintendents that during the year past the three classes have been engaged in the following studies viz—

1— The Junior Class have read in ancient sacred history from the creation to the Abrahamic Covenant. They have attended to that branch of Pastoral Theology which treats of the gifts and qualifications of Ministers of the Word and especially of the gifts of prayer and preaching. They have analyzed passages of Scripture, composed sermons and been exercised once a week in the Chapel in delivering their compositions.

2 The Middle Class have read from the promulgation of the [illegible] the captivity of Israel and from the birth of Christ to the reign of Constantine.

3 The Senior Class have pursued the history of the ancient people of God from the Captivity to the birth of Christ in connection with the profane history of the same period. They have read the history of the Christian Church from Constantine to the close of the 18th Century. They have attended to Church Government and finished the course of Pastoral Theology.

The students to be examined by the Board have been exemplary in conduct. Many of them diligent in study. Of their proficiency evidence will be given to the Board on their examination.

[illegible] Cannon Prof.

The following report was received from Rev. Professor DeWitt.

The Professor of Biblical Literature respectfully presents to the Board of Theological Superintendents the following report—

Catalogue of Students

[illegible]

The hand of Providence has reduced the [illegible] of students in an unprecedented manner. Of the Senior Class Mr. C. C. Van Arsdalen has been dismissed. Of the Middle Class Messrs. Currie and Schenck were dismissed with a view to their engaging as instructors in the Grammar School of Rutgers College. Mr. Schenck has applied to be readmitted into the institution and he will probably recommence his Theological Studies the next term. Of the Middle Class Messrs. Robins and Swart's have been separated from as my sickness, [illegible] to be feared permanently. The same cause has arrested the Course of Mys. Ludlow and Brush of the Junior Class.

In consequence of the writer's having assumed the instruction of the Junior Class in the Hebrew Language for seasons which he deems permission to state orally at the time of examination the progress of that Class has not been so great as in former years. They have been in the institution only two terms and the remaining branches to be taught — the Junior year will be brought before them during the summer session. They have carefully read twenty Chapters of Hebrew in the book of Genesis; have passed through the greater part of Jahn's Archaeology with additional exercises in Biblical Geography, and have just commenced investigating the Canonical Authority of the Sacred Books — The Middle Class have attended to the principles of interpretation. The Middle and Senior Classes have read twelve Chapters of Hebrew in the book of Exodus [illegible] twenty Psalms and all the Classes together have analyzed & read the 2nd Epistle of Paul to the Corinthians and his Epistle to the Galatians in the Greek Testament. Weekly Discourses have been delivered by the students and criticised before the Professors. The students have conducted a weekly meeting for prayer among themselves; and their conduct on the whole has been exemplary and they have generally [illegible] their studies with diligence.

John DeWitt

[illegible]

separately examined on the subject of their personal experience in Religion and after as to their motives for desiring to enter the Sacred Ministry. The whole examination was conducted with care and fidelity, and the Board come before the Synod with the cheerful expression of their increasing confidence in the excellence as well as soundness of the course of instruction that has been so wisely established and so successfully illustrated in our Theological Seminary.

After due deliberation the following persons members of the Senior Class were judged to be entitled to the Professoral Certificate, to wit John H. Devier, David Cushing, Oscar H. Gregory and John Manley.

The Board deeply impressed with the connexion between the efficient support of the Theological and Literary Institutions and the prosperity of the Ref. Dutch Church have earnestly recommended to the Professors of our Theological School to devote their vacation to visiting the Churches with the view of producing an increased excitement in favor of our institutions at New Brunswick, and of the great interest of our Church generally.

Of the parental regard which the Gen. Synod will ever extend over our School of the Prophets the Board entertain and cherish the most sanguine expectations. Of the continued support of the Great Head of the Church they cannot but be assured by what he has already done. He cannot thus far have brought us, have caused us thus strongly to rest on him, to abandon us at last. They therefore call upon the Synod, and upon themselves to be steadfast immovable always abounding in this work of the Lord.

Cons. D. Kastbrook Cha

Resolved that this Board will [illegible] examination of Students this afternoon at [illegible] and that Dr. Hillhouse be requested to [illegible] the examination on the branches in his [illegible]

Resolved that the Board have a [illegible]

3 Clock P.M. The Board met and [illegible] to hear the examination of the [illegible] Classes on Dogmatic Theology by Prof. Hillhouse

The Rev. [illegible] Taylor [illegible] on approval and [illegible]

The Board [illegible]

Half past 7 Clock P.M.

The Board met and resumed the examination by Professor Hillhouse and continued until 10 Clock, [illegible] with [illegible] at 8 Clock [illegible]

Wednesday morning 8 Clock

The Board convened and was [illegible] with [illegible] the examination by Professor Hillhouse

Resolved that the [illegible] on the [illegible] examination

Resolved that the Board will now attend the examination in the department of the Rev. Professor Selwyn. The members of all the Classes were examined on the Hebrew and Greek Language. The first Class on Biblical Archaeology and the Middle Class on Hermenutica Sacra

Resolved that the Board will attend the examination of the Students on the Subjects in the department of Dr. Cannon [illegible] 3 Clock [illegible]

Resolved that the Rev. Dr. Brownlee be and hereby is appointed to preach the next annual Sermon before the Board and that the Rev. Sat. Van Vranken be his Secretary

Resolved that Dr. Yates be reappointed to address the Students at the close of the next ordinary meeting of the Board.

Resolved that the members of the Senior

Class shall deliver their Sermons in the Chapel this evening at 7 o'Clock and that all the Students attend.

The Board being deeply impressed with the importance of Rutgers College and of the Theological School to the interests of the Church and persuaded that to bring the Professors before the Churches will exert a happy influence in increasing the number of Students and supporting these institutions — Therefore

Resolved that it be earnestly recommended to the Professors of the Theological School to employ their vacations in visiting the Churches within our bounds — The Board held recess until 3 o'Clock

6. o'Clock P.M.

The Board met and Professor Cannon proceeded to examine the Members of the Senior and Senior Classes on the Subject of Pastoral Theology. The Senior Class on the Sacraments and the Senior and Middle Classes on Church History — After completing the examination on these Subjects the Board held recess until Seven o'Clock.

7. o'Clock P.M.

The Board met and proceeded to hear the ~~examination~~ anniversary exercises of the Students of the Senior Class in the College Chapel. After this exercise had been concluded the Class about to be licensed were examined on personal religion and their minds in desiring to enter on the Gospel Ministry.

Resolved that the examination of the following young Gentlemen members of the Senior Class viz. John H. Devier Oscar H. Gregory, David Cushing, and John Manley be sustained and that they be recommended to the Professors for their certificate.

Resolved that hereafter the anniversary exercises of the students at the final examination shall be in the form of popular sermons

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[illegible]

That the number of Theological Students now in the Institution is 20.

Of the Senior Class	Of the Middle Class	Of the Junior Class
John C. Baldwin	Benjamin Bapler	William Brush
Garret J. Garretson	Matthias Cusk	William H. Cooper
Leonard Rodgers	Robert A. Quinn	Jacob Ernst
Garret C. Quenck	Enoch Van Allen	Gilbert Revised
Richard Schoonmaker	Jacob F. Van Arsdale	[illegible] Thomson
Jno. C. Van Liew		Joel B. Thompson
Alexander Warner.		[illegible] Tuttle
		[illegible]

Robert A. Quinn of the middle Class was formerly a Sonjaman man, but is supported by the American Education Society. Came to the Institution at the exception of his [illegible] was a very well recommended, has been written during the last Sessions and in every respect [illegible] in his future ministry to the service of a learned [illegible] Present herewith the letter [illegible] addressed to the Board.

Mr. Peter J. Williamson of the Junior Class a member of the Church of Harlingen N.J. was introduced to the Society by the Rev. [illegible] Zarlagh in [illegible] has been with us from the [illegible] of his [illegible] last.

I wish to take the serious attention of the Superintendants to a subject which seems to involve the future prospects of all our literary institutions in this City. I allude to the disposition manifested by the keepers of Boarding houses to raise the price of Board. Facilities offered in this respect by many surrounding colleges and theological seminaries are such that unless prompt and efficient measures be taken to relieve our embarrassment there is reason to apprehend that the number of our students instead of increasing must and will be diminished.

The conduct of the Students of Theology during the past year has been exceedingly [illegible] both as regards their studies and the maintenance of such morals as are suited to the [illegible] for our objects they have in view. There are no certain [illegible] yet [illegible] to the Church [illegible] in this respect [illegible] we must rely and believe in the wisdom of the Ordering of the Lord of Hosts.

Respectfully Submitted

D. Murray Cole

The undersigned respectfully reports to the Board of Superintendants the following

1st That during the year he has attended to the duties of his [illegible] & lectures to the Senior Class on Church History & first three years of the second century History which connects the Old and New Testaments. The Class has had 2 lectures in a week to the Middle Class on the 3 first Centuries of the History of the Christian Church and on Covenant Theology from the Covenant of Redemption in the Bosom of the Trinity to the Covenant of Grace. Lecture in a week

[illegible] and on Covenant Theology from the Covenant of Redemption [illegible] 2 lectures in a week

2 That the students have maintained a consistent Christian character and have [illegible] following evidences that in turning to Jesus the Son of Christ they [illegible] Dr. has [illegible] Mr. [illegible] of the Junior Class has not exhibited the [illegible] of a learnt [illegible] in this respect.

3 The Board is aware that in fixing the time of examination in [illegible] the [illegible] in September the whole term of study to most of the [illegible] to be 2 years & 10 months instead of 3 years. [illegible] this [illegible] for Senior Class to complete their course of [illegible] the subjects of their [illegible] in my established [illegible]

[illegible]

The Committee appointed on the Communications of the Professors respectfully report the [illegible] as follows. To the Rev. Board of Superintendants

The Committee appointed to examine the reports of the Professors of the Theological School received by the Board &c. report on the same by leave to state that they have attended to the duty assigned & recommend

1 That the reports be accepted

2 That Robert A. Quinn considering his age & the progress & fidelity of his ministerial labors be recommended to the Gen. Synod for the dispensation solicited by him so far as respects the term of time and not as respect to his omission of the Hebrew Language

3. That the regulation of the price of Board be recommended to the attention of the Committee one to be chosen by the Board of Trustees and another Elected by this Board who may confer on the Subject, collect such information as may be necessary and adopt such measures as shall in their wisdom be deemed expedient.

4. That for the reasons stated by the Principal, the unavoidable loss of a review of some of the most important branches of a Theological Education it is recommended by this Board to the Seminary that the time for examining Students of Theology from the month of April to the close of the College vacation should be before the change which was made in the year 1829 — respectfully Submitted

5. That the Minutes of Mr. Ed. Millennison in the Seminary be referred to the Committee appointed for the admission of Students. — Andrew Yates Chairman

The Revd. Mess. Ed. Labagh and James Ramsay and Dr. Brodhead were appointed a Committee according to the 3rd article of this report.

The following persons were appointed a Committee to draft a report to be presented to Synod Messrs. Murray, Miller & Rome. Mr. Ramsay was excused from serving on the Committee and Revd. Isaac Jenkins appointed in his room. These reports were adopted, as follows.

Report of the Board of Superintendants of the Theological Seminary for the year ending April 1832

- Agreeably to the direction of Gen. Synod the Board met in the College Hall New Brunswick on Tuesday the 3rd of April
- The usual reports were received from Revs. Millebrler and Carmen
- From these reports it appears that the following young gentlemen are members of the respective Classes (See preceding page at the top)

The moral and religious deportment of the students is stated by the Professors as exemplary and their attention, diligence and proficiency as very laudable, with partial exceptions

- The Board directed the usual portion of their time to the usual examination. The Middle & Senior Classes were examined in the several branches to which they had attended during the year. The Senior Class were examined on the whole of the studies pursued since they have been in the Institution agreeably to the order of Gen. Synod with the exception of the Hebrew & Greek. They were also examined on the second volume of Dr. Dwight's Sermons and notices in reviewing the Gospel Ministry, and have unanimously recommended to the Synod the following Licentiates
- The whole examination was conducted with care and strictness on the Board's satisfaction, bearing testimony to the good effect it had upon them. It exhibited at once the ability, fidelity with which the Brethren have executed the important duties entrusted to them and the attention & diligence which have prevailed among the young men

According to the arrangement between the Synod and the Trustees of the Theological College Prof. McClelland has instructed the Junior Class in the Hebrew.

- The afflictive dispensation of Providence in the removal of the Revd. Professor of Biblical Literature in the course of late and at the commencement of the session has already been noticed by the Gen. Synod. The loss of his able services in the department of Biblical Literature has been severely felt. Bearing in mind the importance which the Synod attach to able instruction in this department the Board indulge the strong hope that the Synod may speedily remedy the embarrassment of plan now suffered in the seminary by the vacancy
- Mr. Robert Irwin who had studied in the middle Class makes an application to the Synod through the Board for a dispensation of one year, that after the 4th day of another year he may be admitted a licentiate. The Board have made this case of Mr. Irwin a subject of peculiar enquiry & find it to be an interesting one. He has for some years burned a valetudinal life and is now anxious and furthermore is permitted in divine providence to devote himself to the religious interests of Seamen. He has attended to the Study of the Latin & Greek and some branches of Mathematics, Rhetoric & Natural Philosophy since he came to the Seminary. Since he has been in the Institution he has shewn a disposition to improve in study. His proficiency has been laudable. He has reached 34 years of age. In view of all the circumstances the Board unanimously agree to recommending him for the dispensation asked.
- Revd. James Ramsay has been made Stated Clerk of the Board in the place of Revd. Dr. McMurray who has resigned.
- In referring to the number of students the Synod will doubtless feel that it is not such as ought to be expected in a body of such extent as the Dutch Church undeniably where such annual extraordinary increase to afford to pious young men every facility necessary to qualify them fully for the Gospel Ministry. The paucity of the number of students cannot but be in this view a subject of sincere regret and the Board would refer it to the Synod as one which may well claim their deliberation. Our members & Churches at home do not act in relation to the encouragement of

sincerely with the energy which is desirable. A number of our [illegible] have recently been blessed with precious and powerful revivals and it is believed that in their wide on Brother Enquiry field, not a few pious young men the fruits of these revivals concern, & decide themselves to the ministerial service of the Church. And it is the wish desirable that those Children of the Church Converts in our own family be taken by the hand & brought forward directly to that ministry that the great & leading features of our Body may be perpetuated. The Board suggest whether a great Conference be not a means the present in consequence of our Theological and when a feeling becoming the importance of the subject

The Board recommend to the Genl Synod to alter the time for the meeting of the Students of Theology from the month of April to the close of the Collegiate Year as set forth before the Synod in the year 1829

David Brotherton
Alex M. Miller

Resolved
Secretary

Resolved that in case the Revd Mr Van Cleaf be not present the Revd Dr Cuyler is requested to preach before the Board this Evening

Resolved that the Revd Philip Lanyea be appointed to address the Students at the next meeting of the Board

Resolved that the Clerk of the Board communicate to the Board of Trustees the appointment of a Committee on the subject of Boarding & act with a corresponding Committee appointed by them

Resolved that the Board have a recess until 3 O'clock

3 O'clock P M

The Board met and proceeded to the examination of the Students in the Middle & Senior Mathematical department and continued until 5 O'clock

Resolved that the examination be now suspended until 8 O'clock this evening & commence in the morning

Resolved that Prof Mc Clelland be requested to examine the Students in Hebrew from ten to Eleven O'clock tomorrow morning

Resolved that the Examination of the Students in Political Economy department commence at 11 O'clock tomorrow morning — Excluded with prayer & adjourned till 8 O'clock tomorrow morning

Wednesday Morning 8 O'clock

The Board convened & was opened with prayer by Revd Dr Cuyler. The examination of the Students in the Mathematical department was resumed and concluded

The Revd Mr Jones & Mr Lutz and Mr [illegible] appeared this morning. Mr Hoek the Students

At the request of the Board Dr Cuyler preached a sermon in the Evening from Eph 2.5 [illegible]

The Board at 10 O'clock proceeded to hear the examination of the Students in the Junior Class. After the completion of Messrs Cooper and Ennis were examined in the Hebrew language & Prof Mc Clelland and after having concluded this branch to the examination of the Students of the Junior Class Cooper on the first Book of Pastoral Theology by Prof Cannon. The Junior Class in that branch [illegible] to the service of the Gospel Ministry. The Discussions [illegible] 3 O'clock

3 O'clock P M

[illegible] measures ought to be adopted in the case of Messrs Cooper, Ennis & Williamson

In relation to Mr Williamson after hearing a verbal report of the Committee it was resolved that he be allowed a standing in his class on condition that his deficiency in Hebrew be made up

In relation to Messrs Cooper and Ennis after a similar report the following resolve and resolutions were passed. Whereas this Board has understood that Messrs Ennis & Cooper of the Junior Class have been remiss in their attention to study & have neglected to avail themselves of the advantages of the Synod. Whereas under Mr McClelland therefore resolved that these young men be called before this Board and be inquired of in relation to the subject referred to

The Board then proceeded to hear the examination of the Students in Ancient Sacred Made in History and Concluded. After which they held a recess till 7 O'clock

7 O'clock P M

Messrs Ennis & Cooper were called before the Board and informed the Board of their not having attended to the instruction of Prof Mc Clelland in Hebrew and being unprepared for examination in that branch. Whereupon Resolved that they be informed that they are permitted to retain their place in their class on the express understanding that they attend to the instructions of the Prof on that subject & pass an examination that shall be satisfactory to the Board at their next meeting

Resolved that the Revd J. A. Van Vranken be appointed to preach the Sermon before this Board at their next meeting; and that the Revd Isaac Ferris be his Secretary.

The Board then proceeded after this to hear the Students of the Senior Class deliver their Sermons in the Chapel and Concluded this Exercise, when the Students of the same Class about to be licensed were separately examined as to their views in entering on the Gospel ministry and also their personal religion, when the following Resolution was unanimously adopted

Resolved that the Examination of the following young gentlemen members of the Senior Class viz. Jno C. Baldwin Garret Garretson Renaud Kuyper Garret C. Schenck Rees L. Sommerdyck Jno C. Van Liew and Alexander Warner be and hereby is sustained and they be recommended to the Professors for a Professional Certificate

The Revd Mr Yates addressed the Students at the close of the Examination

The following persons were appointed a Committee to attend with the Professors to the admission of Students viz Drs Brodhead Polhemus Labagh & Mr Murray & Mess Miller & Romeyn.

The minutes were read and approved and the Board adjourned to meet in this place on the first Monday in April in 1843.

Jacob Brodhead President
Abr. Van Mopler Secretary

A true Copy from the Original Minutes

James Romeyn State Clerk

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The Board of Superintendents of the Theological College of the R. D. Church assembled in the College Hall on April 10th 1843 and was opened with prayer by the President of the Board the Revd Dr Brodhead.

The following persons members of the Board appeared and took their seats

Jacob Brodhead D.D. — Revd Jame Romeyn
Revd J. Duryea — P. Labagh
Jno Garretson — A. Mopler
T. M. Strong

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved

The following changes in consequence of removals were made in the members of the Board by the last Gen Synod

Revd M. H. Dwight in the place of C. D. Mallthrock D.D.
Jno Jansen — M. R. Bogardus
Jno Garretson — J. H. Van Wagenen

The committee appointed to receive Students at the commencement of the session reported that they had been prevented from meeting in consequence of not under their control

Resolved that a committee be appointed to wait on the Professors and inform them that the Board are now in session and ready to receive communications from them and that they will proceed to the Examination at 3 O'clock P.M. and that the usual order be observed in conducting it. Messrs Strong and Romeyn were appointed said Committee

The following Communication was received from Dr Milledoler with accompanying documents.

Resolved that the Board of Superintendents of the Theological Seminary understand report to the Board of Superintendents of the Theological Seminary that the number of Students now connected with it is 10 viz

of the Senior Class Benjamin Bogardus Matthias Quick Jacob R. Van Vranken & Robert Quin

of the Middle Class William Brush Elias Hevier Fred. R. Thompson Peter S. Wilkinson Edward Hampson John V. D. Vedder R. C. Currie Jacob Ennis & William H. Cooper

of the Junior Class Mr Chemies William Young Hoot & Lewis H. Ferrel

Mr Robt C. Currie who was for some time past has charge of our Colpeper School, having signified his intention of reentering the Seminary on the 1st of May ensuing, is reported to the Board accordingly

From the printed minutes of Gen Synod of October it appears that W. H. Cooper requested a dismission from the Sixth Classis in consequence of pecuniary embarrassments Mr C. has also petitioned himself at the time. His case appears to be referred by Synod to the Board of Superintendents of the Seminary See printed Minutes Oct 1842

Mr Jacob Ennis having been advised by his physician Dr C. Smith to relinquish on account of his health from the instruction did with the knowledge of the faculty withdraw and his certificate was given to him

has been absent for about one year, having been employed in the interim in the mining [illegible] of many our benevolent societies. By a letter recently received from Mr. Dennis it appears that he intends [illegible] his studies on the 1st of May next.

— A communication has been received by the Theological Faculty from Mr. William Brock requesting to be examined at this time with the Senior Class for Probational Certificate. Mr. Brock was suspended at a member of the Middle Class. He became so thro' interruption of his studies for some months by sickness. He has however with this exception been a regular member of the Seminary for the time required. From the roll title character, and testimonials of Mr. B. but especially from a conviction of the propriety of his withdrawal on account of health, the Faculty have [illegible] recommending his case to the favorable notice of the Board. The communication marked A is herewith [illegible]

— Mr. Zindel applied for admission into the Junior Class some weeks after Sacred Conf. [illegible] heard his thesis with the prospectus of Bibl. Lit. [illegible] was received & the Faculty [illegible] permitted to attend the Comm. of Dr. Cannon by the undersigned.

— Application for entrance into the Seminary has recently been made in W. M. Jones a member of the R. D. Church of Claverack. Mr. Jones came to the Seminary in [illegible] about 30 years of age. He multiplied in a physician for 3 years. This man at Mr. [illegible] a graduate of any College has required no academical certificate & seems unacquainted with Greek & Hebrew. Considering his age & peculiar circumstances the Faculty have concluded to refer the Papers relative to Mr. Jones as desired to the Faculty after a personal interview. Marked B is herewith [illegible]

— A letter has been received by the Sec. Prospectus from E. C. Doty aged 24 years and a member of the Junior Class in the Literary Institution requesting to be received into the Med. School at the close of the Junior year. The communication marked C is in the [illegible] for the Board of Superintendents of the Seminary.

A some misunderstanding has arisen relative to the terms of [illegible] to Med. Students in this City which have reason to believe had operated injuriously [illegible] the undersigned deem it his duty to state. that we have had a very [illegible] board which students have had board at $2 per week including room rent [illegible] number of new houses will be opened on the same terms on the 1st [illegible] to any extent as to render it accommodate at that rate.

A Price has been taken lately some weeks of the institution [illegible] to Board at Med. Students to $2.00 per week. If the Board of Superintendents [illegible] this report in its present form a reduction it will certainly have a favorable effect upon the School.

— The undersigned [illegible] only to add that the [illegible] during the last year has been good & their general deportment such as becomes [illegible] Christian [illegible] the Church & Sabbath School Society.

Respectfully & [illegible]

New Brunswick Apr 2 1873.

[illegible] Milledoler

The following report was received from Professor [illegible]

To the Superintendents of the Theological Seminary of the R. D. C. [illegible]

[illegible] with [illegible] deeper [illegible]

The following report was received from Mr. Van [illegible]

The undersigned by leave to report to the Board of Superintendents.

1st That the Students in Theology have thro' the year had been a [illegible] of the [illegible] in a large degree [illegible] example in their conduct.

2. That all of them exhibit the power of prayer in connection with piety [illegible] to the Word to the [illegible] themselves personally [illegible] preach the Gospel of the [illegible] the exception of Mr. Tyrrel with respect to young [illegible] in the Seminary on trial [illegible] appearance to be defects in the literary attainments [illegible] and yet discover in my department that they [illegible] teachers of others. But in relation to [illegible] whether he should remain longer in the ministry or not [illegible]

Respectfully submitted

J. Amos Van [illegible]

These reports were laid on the Table for the present.

Resolved that the members of the Faculty be informed that the Board are ready to receive their Credentials at 3 O'Clock this afternoon.

Resolved that [illegible] be excused from an attendance on some of the Minutes of Seminary Board for the ensuing the Board do not complete the whole Course up to the present time

3 O'Clock P.M.

The Board convened & the members of the Junior Class presented their credentials of Church membership & Literary attainments & being found sufficient they were admitted accordingly

Revd Messrs G. Ludlow, J. Ferris, J. Van Vechten & J. B. Steele and Mr. Dwight appeared & took their seats

Professor Miller then proceeded to examine the students of the Senior and Middle Class in Didactic Theology & continued till 6 O'Clock

Resolved that the Board have a recess until 7 O'Clock & the students of the Senior Class come prepared to deliver their sermon in the Chapel

[illegible] the Lists to be regulated & each their sermon on [illegible]

7 O'Clock P.M.

The Board met & proceeded to hear the students deliver their [illegible] & then [illegible] being a [illegible]

Mr Ludlow presided in his absence & concluded

The following persons were appointed a committee on the report of the Professor [illegible]

The Committee reported & their report was adopted & followed

The Committee to whom were referred the Prof. reports with the accompanying documents in relation to the case of Jesse Ennis, they report that he was one of the young men with whom the Board [illegible] last spring. His absence during the session, whatever the cause and the ground, that interesting & highly favorable has taking place with his class, & the Committee accordingly recommend that he be now returned to the Seminary & take place in the next Junior Class

The 2d case referred to the Committee is that of W. H. Cooper. The same referred to the Committee by his friends. The ground of Mr Cooper's application for a dismission (which is recommended in his favor) is fully stated in the report of Prof Miller. It appears that no information of his with drawal from the Seminary was added to the Board. Contrary to what might have been expected in his case. On a careful examination it is apparent that a dismission as requested is attended with difficulty. Mr Cooper has been for several years a Beneficiary on our Education funds & it had been questioned whether a dismission, in form, would not release him from the Seminary claims. When now Brother apart from this the attitude of Mr C before this Board at their last meeting, & the circumstances of recommendation & if he permanently withdrawn, no other document than a single certificate of the time he has been regularly connected with the institution. The Committee are not that the Board in a case [illegible] in relation to Mr C but have in view [illegible] Board should be [illegible] in the Seminary [illegible] with the [illegible] Junior class if he [illegible] & a Certificate of the time he has attended Lectures & the subjects to which he has attended, this Professor is authorized to give him

Resolved Mr Bonner the Committee make that all the circumstances in case justify the Board in accepting the recommendation of the Professor that he be returned with the Junior class & receive a scholarship certificate with them

As to Mr [illegible] the Committee have enquired into his case & have agreed to recommend his admission to the next Junior class. He is a young man of unusual promise & has made attainments in his Classical College. He will certainly be entitled to the benefit of the lectures in Nat. Philosophy & Chemistry & we encourage and will find opportunity to attend in next fall. While the Committee feel the importance of keeping up the standard of attainments for admission to the Seminary as high as possible they believe from what they have learned of Mr Doty that nothing will be lost on this ground if the Board should see fit to recommend

As to the case of Mr C Snead, the Committee have simply to remark that while they cannot pronounce on the propriety of the objection of Mr Jones, they have heard nothing from that will warrant the Board in acceding to his request of admitting him to the next Junior class in the Theological Seminary

It is undoubtedly gratifying to learn from the report of Prof. Miller & Dr that arrangements are being made with a view of Board will be reduced. While we remembered that at the last meeting of the Board Prof. M remarked that "a strong sensation was manifested by the Trustees of Boarding houses to secure the interest of Board that unless some and efficient measures were taken to relieve our institution there is reason to apprehend that the number of our students would be increasing while the means would be diminished" & that the Board acted on the request then preferred & the arrangement contemplated undoubtedly gave satisfaction & confidence & nothing more can be done by this Board at present than to express the hope that the Seminary be equipped & our Seminary in this respect be placed in an equal footing of advantages with other similar institutions

— Isaac Ferris — Chairman

The following persons were appointed a Committee to draw up report to be laid before the Synod — Messrs Thos. Van Vechten & Steele. They reported that their report was adopted and is as follows

Report of the Board of Superintendants of the Theological Seminary for the year ending April 1833

A general to the direction of Synod the Board met in the College Hall April 2 1833

The usual reports were received from the Professors viz Dr Miller & Dr. McCullen

Some new reports appear at the following young brethren are members of the several classes

of the Seminary viz. Benj. Baxter — Matthias Tuttle — Jared R Van Aersdale — Robt Irvin

Middle Class William Brank — Elbert Mervius — Fred. B Thompson — P. S. Williamson — Edward Hamilton

Simon V. E. Westfall — Robt Currie — Jacob Ennis — William H. Carrier

Senior Class — Abr. Simonson — William Van Pelt — Owen H. Gerrol

Mr Robt Currie who was for some time past charge of the Classical school connected with Jefferson College having notified his intention of resuming the Seminary on the 1st of May ensuing

Mr. Jacob Ennis having been assisted by the Board in his retire on account of his health in the year from the institution, and with the knowledge of the Professors, has been absent for the entire year, has been employed in the interim as an agent for one of our Benevolent societies. B. has lately received from Mr Ennis it appears that he intends to resume his Theological studies on the 1st of May, and is notified Board that Mr Ennis will take his place in the next Senior Class.

It appears from the Minutes of Synod that Mr W. H. Cooper was licensed in the spring last of the Presbyt. applicant the Synod for a dismission from the Presbytery which the application was referred to this Board. From the report of the Didactic Professor it appears that Mr C. was absent for some time in the spring of the year & began his application in a careful examination of the requisitions. The rate the Board was not satisfied with his qualifications, was reasonably in consideration Mr C. will leave him to act his recommendation, & return to the seminary the ensuing year with the next Senior Class & and the Professors are instructed to give him a certificate of the progress he has made under their care

Mr William Brank reported as member of the middle class but after some time has been prevented by sickness from attending the whole of the last quarter to examination. The committee, after perusal of his certificate & the testimonies in the report appeared satisfied & recommended to have a certificate

Mr E. Choty a member of the Literary Institution, has requested to be received into the Seminary at the next session of the Senior Class, with a view to preliminary liberal course of study. Mr Choty is a young man of unusual promise & has made all arrangements to pursue the study of Theology. But the time in other arrangements are peculiar. The Board therefore thought that it is expedient that the request without lowering the standard or prejudicing on entering upon Theological studies the request was consented to.

The examination of the Theological students during the year in Biblical & Professional Theology was good & their general deportment & their character & standing in the Church was satisfactory.

The examination of the students was in Biblical Theology, the Professor, the Professors in the various branches of study to check they had attended during the year. Some of the students were also examined on experimental religion & all were in their conduct in entering the ministry & they were all unanimously recommended for Licensure & ordination.

It appears that the Professorship of Biblical Literature, elected at the last annual meeting of Synod has not yet been filled. There has been no formal intimation with an offer according to the resolution of Synod. The Board is of opinion that the infant institution by the Synod in their supporting the other Professors, they feel it to be a very important institution & allow it to be established.

The Board learn with great regret and sorrow that a misunderstanding has arisen in the Synod of Ohio & that some of the students are engaged in the same all the force of feelings & labor. The Board have had hopes that when the beloved Church shall return to sound views among the students of our seminaries, & totally of hearing the action of a few of our friends will respect to the calls of Theological Professors & the students. These calls cannot be regarded as a peculiar interest in the history, our seminary & affording every strong reason for uniting all our exertions in promoting its prosperity. When we see the whole of our Church manifesting to our seminary & to come over to their help, what Christian amongst us can refrain from feeling the strongest to unite in the cause, & the Synod to every exertion. The world must be evangelized and it will be by our seminaries. Let us be a liberal share in the enterprise

In Conclusion the Board present the following resolution Resolved that it be referred to the Synod to consider whether it is expedient to continue Mr Ker's Dissertation as a text Book in our Theological Seminary

Jno Maxfield Secy.

Jacob Brethren Pres. Bd.

Resolved that the Board do commence the examination on Prof Lamson's Department at 9 O'Clock this morning
Resolved that the Board now adjourn to meet tomorrow morning at 8½ O'Clock. Closed with prayer by Revd Mr Van Vechten

Wednesday Morning ½ past 8 O'Clock

The Board convened & was opened with prayer by Revd Mr Ferris
A Communication from Elias Hamilton in relation to Mr Cooper was received & ordered to the Committee on the report of the Professors
Professor Lemon examined the members of the Middle Senior Class on the History of the Christian Church & the members of all the Classes on Ancient Sacred History
Prof Mc Clelland examined the members of all the Classes in the Hebrew & Greek languages & continued a while in the Office & after which the Board held a recess until 3 O'Clock

3 O'Clock

The Board met & resumed the examination under Prof Mc Clelland & concluded the same when Prof Lamson returned & concluded the examination of the Classes in Geography & the Board held a recess until 7 O'Clock

7 O'Clock PM

Resolved that the Examination of the following young gentlemen members of the Senior Class viz Benjamin Baffler Matthias Sickles Jacob R Van Horne Robert Quinn & William Brush be & hereby is instructed & that they be recommended to the protection for a certificate
Resolved that the examination of Mr R M Schenck be & is postponed for one year on point of time & exception from the study of Greek was granted by Gen Synod in consideration of his perfect & double deafness & the apprehended extinction of deafness & that Brownlee required by Gen Synod with the above exception be sustained & that he be recommended for a professional license & that the Professors be requested to embody in their certificate the above case & exception in relation to Such Classes or other Exercises in their Body with which he may have to connect
Resolved that the Revd Mr Ferris be appointed to preach the Sermon before the Board at their next annual meeting & that the Revd T N Kinney be his Substitute
Resolved that the Revd Philip Cleveland address the Students at the close of the examination & that the Revd Jacob Van Vechten be appointed to address the next graduating class & that the Revd J R Thompson be his substitute
The following Students were appointed a Committee to stand with the Professors at the commencement of the session for the purpose of admitting Students viz Revd Dr Brodhead Sabagh Mc Murray Ronayne & Mc Clear
Resolved that the Committee have power to act on the applications for admission to the Seminary during the recess of this Board. That the Professors be informed of this arrangement & that the Secretary & Professors be requested to give their written notice & all applications to be after the commencement of the session & call a meeting of such Committee to act on the applications
The minutes were read & confirmed. Closed with prayer

Jacob Brodhead President
Abraham Mc Clear Secretary

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Samuel Romeyn Stated Clerk

Meeting of 1836.

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3 o'clock P. M.

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[illegible] of the [illegible]
on the [illegible]
their views in [illegible]
[illegible] ministry.

[illegible]

[illegible]

The Board met and completed the examination of the Students of the Junior Class [illegible] Professor [illegible] examined the Students of the Senior-Middle & Junior Classes in the [illegible] of his department. Alexander C. Hillman a member of the Junior Class was examined on [illegible] religion.

Resolved that [illegible] members of the Junior Class who have appeared before the Board and have been examined by them be [illegible] as members of the institution and that they be allowed the one year in which they have been pursuing studies in the [illegible].

Resolved that a Committee be appointed to confer with the Professors relative to the [illegible] of James A. De Lacy who has been permitted for special reasons to enter the Theological Seminary. Dr. Harris & J. Van Lieu were appointed said committee.

Professor McClelland examined the Students of the Senior-Middle and Junior Classes upon the original languages of Scripture.

The President having retired the Rev

[illegible]

[illegible] o'clock.

3. o Clock.

[illegible] the following report [illegible] (Clerk) and referred to the committee to [illegible] the reports of the other professors referred.

New Brunswick July 1834

Gentlemen

I have the satisfaction [illegible] that the students have with [illegible] to my care. [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

Resolved that Professor Cannon be requested to prosecute his plan of giving instruction on the constitution of the Church to each succeeding senior class.

Resolved that in the estimation of

[illegible] it is highly desirable for the Board of Education to carry into effect the 7th Rule adopted by General Synod relative to beneficiaries in the minutes of June 1852 - p. 73 - and that the Stated Clerk furnish the Board with a copy of this resolution.

The Committee on the reports from the Professors reported and their report was amended, adopted and is as follows. The committee appointed to report on the communications of the Professors respectfully beg leave to present the following [illegible] that the [illegible] the [illegible]

Gen. Class - [illegible] Ed. [illegible] Thompson [illegible]

Mid. Class - [illegible] Youngblood -

Jun. Class - [illegible]

[illegible] the Professors [illegible] very satisfactory [illegible] the Professor of Biblical Literature [illegible] the language of [illegible] Greek [illegible] devoted the attention of the Junior [illegible] for a limited period to some profane [illegible] as Xenophon [illegible] Resolved that this course [illegible] approved.

Resolved unanimously that this Board have heard with pleasure of the occasional visits of the [illegible] of the Ann. Board of [illegible] through which [illegible]

is now acting - to all Theological and Literary Institutions - with a view to call the attention of our young men to the great subject of Foreign Missions —

Resolved unanimously that it be recommended to our Theological Professors to afford to these brethren as they may visit New Brunswick such facilities of intercourse with our young men that they may enjoy the benefit of their remarks.

Resolved unanimously that while this Board feel deeply for our destitute places and regret the smallness of the number of young men devoting themselves to the ministry of reconciliation in our church - they are happy to learn that a number of the young men in the Seminary and in Rutgers college contemplate the consecration of themselves in the Missionary service to the salvation of the heathen and firmly believe that they who in the fear of God become Foreign Missionaries - will most extensively bless the church at home - and awaken a feeling which will result in a decided increase of candidates for the gospel ministry.

Resolved that a copy of the above be sent to the Professors of the Seminary and also to the Sec. of the B. of F. M. of the D. Ref. Church - and also to the Sect. of the A. B. of C. of F. M.

On the whole the committee represent the state of the Seminary in such a light as to demand our gratitude to God, and our unwearied exertions to perpetuate and extend its blessings.

Agreeably to a previous resolution the Rev. Dr. Ferris addressed the Students of the Seminary —

The Committee [illegible] to draft a report to the General Synod submitted the following which was adopted.

Owing to the alteration in the time of meeting [illegible] by the General Synod [illegible] its sessions [illegible] than that the first meeting of the present session of the students took place on the 10th of Jan'y 1834. The usual reports were received from the Prof. [illegible] Mr. Mille [illegible] and all [illegible] of the [illegible] of the students [illegible] in [illegible]. The names of the young men composing the several classes during the past year are as follows:

Senior Class — [illegible], [illegible], [illegible] Thompson, [illegible] Thompson, [illegible] Mc[illegible], [illegible] Williamson

Middle Class — [illegible], [illegible] [illegible] — [illegible] W. Youngblood

Junior Class — [illegible] [illegible] — [illegible] [illegible] — A. [illegible] Hillman, [illegible] — [illegible] Smith, [illegible] Reilly, [illegible] — H. K. Wearing

The visitors of the Board [illegible] attended the examinations of the several classes on the various studies pursued during the year according to the course marked out by the Synod [illegible] happy to [illegible] afford [illegible] satisfactory evidence of the proficiency of the students [illegible]. [illegible] in addition to the [illegible] theological studies [illegible] and [illegible] [illegible] and the [illegible] [illegible] the gospel ministry [illegible] examinations [illegible] sustained [illegible] [illegible].

[illegible] of this Board [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] in closing

their report to notice the uniform internal prosperity of the Theological Seminary and that its members appear to be exerting a christian influence while preparing for a higher sphere of duty. They are happy also to repeat in accordance with former reports that the feeling in favour of foreign missions is growing among our young men - and we may hope ere long to see a precious number engaged in the foreign field. It is still a matter of interest to the synod to employ a continued effort to increase the number of our Theological Students - while they commend the Seminary to the prayers and confidence of the churches.

Resolved that the President of the Board be appointed to deliver [illegible] address to the students at the next [illegible] the [illegible]

Resolved that the Professors be requested to meet with the Board this evening in order to confer with them on the case of Mr Syrrel and that Mr Syrrel be required to attend at the same time.

Recess untill 8 o'clock —

8 o'clock —

The Board met. The Rev. Mr Zabriskie having retired - the Rev. Dr Kerris was called to the chair. The Professors were present with the Board and severally gave statements relative to the case of Mr Syrrel.

Mr Syrrel appeared before the Board and the Board having conferred with him it was -

Resloved that in the opinion of this Board Mr Syrrels proficiency during the two years of his connection with the institution has not been such as to

[illegible]

Resolved that [illegible] authorized [illegible] a certificate of [illegible] stating the proceedings of [illegible]

Application for admission into the [illegible] was made on behalf of [illegible]. A certificate of his literary attainments [illegible]

[illegible]

Resolved that [illegible]

Resolved that [illegible] the committee of [illegible] the proceedings [illegible]

Resolved that this [illegible] deeply regret the [illegible] especially [illegible] the [illegible] of the Church.

Resolved that a copy of this [illegible] be furnished to [illegible]

[illegible]

1835

The Board of Superintendants of the Theological Seminary met agreeably to the order of General Synod, in the Theological Hall [illegible] New Brunswick, on thursday July 9th 18[illegible] was opened with prayer by the Rev. Dr. Dewitt, Pres. of the Board.

Members present: Rev. Messrs. Thomas Dewitt D.D. Philip Duryea D.D. William R. Bogardus - George Dubois - Ira C. Boice - Samuel Van Veghten John Van Liew - Jacob J. Schultz John L. Zabriskie - Frederick B. Thompson.

The Clerk being absent, J. J. Schultz was appointed Clerk pro. tem.

The minutes of the last meeting were read.

The following communication from Professor Milledolar - inclosing one from E. Doty a member of the middle Class of the Theological Seminary was received read and referred to the committee on the annual report to General Synod.

The following members - viz - Messrs. Bogardus, Van Veghten and Dubois were appointed a committee to prepare the annual report to be forwarded to General Synod, and to make such suggestions to the Board as they may deem proper.

New Brunswick July 1th 1835

The undersigned reports to the Board of Superintendants of the Theological College that the number of students regularly connected with the institution during the past year has been 25 - viz

Of the Senior Class - - Abraham Polhemus
Jacob Ennis
Wm. Youngblood
John Lillies - and
Lewis H. Tyrrill

Of the Middle Class - Peter Quick
William Reily
Elihu Doty
Hart E. Ward
Jas. de La Wergne
Daniel [illegible]
Alex. Hillman and
John M. Scribner.

of the Junior Class — 5

John P. Mesick
Wm J. Pohlman
John P. Knox 283
John T. Demarest
John N. Duryea
Harrison Hermance
John E. Crookshank
Wm Demarest
Peter Allen
Wm R. Gordon
Ebenezer Wiggins and
Robert Clark

of these Lewis H. Syrill at his own request and James De La Vigne on account of serious indisposition, and the emigration of his parents to one of the Western States, have been dismissed so that the whole number now in the institution is 23.

Mr Elihu Doty of the Middle Class having long since made up his mind to devote himself to foreign Missions and having it in contemplation to go out with the Rev. David Abeel to China, requests that he may be examined at this time for a professoral certificate. His letter addressed to the Faculty on which we have forborne to act till after the meeting of this Board is herewith presented. Mr Doty's proficiency in the department of the undersigned has thus far been very respectable.

Messrs Ennis and Youngblood will in all probability be connected with the same mission.

In consequence of a severe disease of the throat from which he is not yet sufficiently recovered Mr Youngblood will not be able to attend the present examination. It is with pleasure however that I can bear the most honourable testimony to his proficiency and christian character. All that remains is to add, with gratitude to the dispenser of all good that the Seminary during the past year has been favoured with general good health, and that the conduct of the Students has been worthy of their profession and prospects. All which is respectfully submitted by —

Philip Milledola

Rev. Board of Insp.s of Ref. D. Ch. L.

July [illegible] 18[illegible]

[illegible] faculty [illegible]

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Synod [illegible] the [illegible] the following resolution [illegible]

"Resolved, in [illegible] the theological [illegible] in the propriety of the measure that Mr [illegible] winter [illegible] course of [illegible] opportunity should [illegible] the [illegible] of the experiments [illegible] missionary [illegible] to the Classis to examine [illegible] of the theological [illegible]

The [illegible] was that [illegible] with the Rev. Mr [illegible] expects to be the [illegible] spring [illegible] medicine is [illegible] among the [illegible] the dispensation [illegible] the [illegible]

I trust I have [illegible] to the [illegible] qualifications [illegible] I know is [illegible] the [illegible] Elders and Mathers [illegible] the [illegible] with whom personal [illegible] has [illegible] standing [illegible] has wisely left the [illegible] concurrence [illegible] and my [illegible] opinion [illegible] to the [illegible] to the [illegible] as regards the plan proposed [illegible] resolution.

1. Do you consider my talents [illegible] of such [illegible] the [illegible] of the great [illegible] of the church that [illegible] and do good [illegible] Heathen [illegible]
2. Do you concur in the measure proposed in the resolution and is it advisable for me to prepare to [illegible] with the Rev. Abeel in the Spring coming [illegible]
3. If so will it not be better for me to spend the intervening time, after our coming examination and commencement of Lectures in the Medical College next fall in reading upon Medical subjects? Or do [illegible] advise me to return here in the fall and remain until [illegible] time as the Medical course will commence in that College which I shall attend? I here would state that I have the opportunity of engaging in such reading with a skilful practicing physician, who also has kindly tendered his library all gratuitous if I pursue the proposed plan.

Father. I look up to you for advice, and your opinion on these questions and whatever else you may think proper to offer. With anxiety to know my duty and prayer that you may be guided by the Head of the Church I leave myself to your direction —

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Yours affectionately E. Doty

Rev. Dr. P. Milledoler
J. S. Cannon } Fac. of Th[illegible]
[illegible]

The Board adjourned to meet at 2 o'clock P. M. when it was resolved that the examination on Didactic Theology should commence.

The Board met at 2 o'clock —
It was resolved that Professor Milledoler examine the students of the Senior and Middle Classes on Didactic Theology untill 6 o'clock when the examination shall be closed.
The following communication from Professor McClelland was received, read and referred to the committee on the annual report to General Synod except that part of it which refers to his wishing to form a private class to study the Hebrew language. A special committee consisting of the Rev. Messrs. Thomas Dewitt D.D. Philip Duryea D.D. & John Van Lieu — was appointed to whom the above excepted part of Professor McClellands report was referred.

N. Brunswick July 1835

Gentlemen

It gives me pleasure to report that the progress made by the students during the past year in the department which I superintend is creditable to their industry and fidelity. Six months ago I could not have made this statement at least without some unpleasant qualification and exceptions. Indeed I found such appalling difficulty in carrying a portion of the Junior class through the rudimental processes which I deem essential in the study of Hebrew, that I was about giving up the point in despair when a misunderstanding arose between us in consequence of their taking up the strange notion that it was my design to seperate them permanently from their class — a design which was as foreign to my thoughts as that of sending them to Botany Bay. The plan which I had fallen upon was subjecting them for two or three weeks to a private drill on the grammer of the language, in which they were most evidently very deficient. After the labours of the former session it would have been a waste of time to occupy the whole class in this manner. They would probably have thought it a hardship to be kept back a m[illegible]

[illegible] the [illegible] of these as [illegible]. Under these circumstances on [illegible] among [illegible] them that [illegible] occurred to me that the young gentlemen [illegible] to go on with the substitute before [illegible] down a [illegible] with others twice a day while their [illegible] of principles [illegible] qualifies them [illegible] single [illegible], the [illegible] was [illegible] settled that the [illegible] would [illegible] a [illegible] knowledge of Hebrew. When however I found that the [illegible] young [illegible] determined to shorten the [illegible] of the other part of the class [illegible] to [illegible] to [illegible] them. I am happy to state that these who had taken back [illegible] that the [illegible] should not be long. They [illegible] up [illegible] like men [illegible] in [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. During [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. They [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] all the [illegible] of construction, in short they are proceeding with vigor [illegible] both to the [illegible] the [illegible] and [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] according to their own acknowledgment) is [illegible] in my opinion [illegible] of instruction that is [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] method [illegible] [illegible] out of [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] consists in the [illegible] with which [illegible] a complete course of grammatical [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] if at all it deserves to be [illegible] well [illegible] to think of doing this without [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] is about as rational as [illegible] [illegible] arithmetic and algebra without a knowledge of [illegible] and the multiplication table. In practicing [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. At the same time the student [illegible] [illegible] that the quantity of [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] he must [illegible] into his [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] that he may [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] this [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] three months.

that the Public course shall be fully equal to that of any institution in the [illegible] as far as this depends on the attention of the Professor. I do not promise that it shall be really worth much. But it shall not be inferior to that of our neighbors.

Let the deep interest [illegible] feel in this subject apologize for the length of this [illegible]

Yours respectfully in Christian bonds

[illegible]

The following communication from Professor Cannon was received read and referred to the committee on the [illegible] to General Synod.

The undersigned [illegible] to the [illegible] of Superintendents

1. that the [illegible] by their [illegible] exhibit [illegible] give the [illegible] knowledge [illegible] for the work of [illegible]

2. that they have given in their habits of life pleasing evidences of piety, and devotedness to the cause of their Redeemer &c

3. that the Senior Class in consequence of their attainments are commended to the Board as young men who give much promise of future usefulness in the ministry. — all which is respectfully submitted

Rutgers College
July 8th 1835

[illegible] S. Cannon — Prof.

Resolved that the Members of the Senior Class exhibit specimens of their art of sermonizing this evening at 8 o'clock in the college Chapel. The Board adjourned to meet at 8 o'clock in the evening. Closed with prayer by the Rev. Mr Bogardus.

The Board met at 8 o'clock and was opened with prayer by the Rev. Mr Dubois.
The members of the Senior Class delivered their sermons.
The Board adjourned to meet Friday morning ½ past 8 o'clock. The meeting was closed with prayer by the Rev. Mr [illegible]

According to adjournment the Board met Friday morning at ½ past 5 o'clock and was opened with prayer by the Rev. Ira L. Boice.
Professor Cannon commenced examining the Senior & Middle Classes on Ecclesiastical History. The examination was arrested. The Board adjourned to meet at ½ past 8 o'clock. Meeting closed with prayer by Rev. Mr Thomson.
The Board convened pursuant to adjournment at ½ past 8 o'clock and was opened with prayer by Rev. Jacob J. Schultz.
Professor Cannon proceeded to the examination of the Junior Class on Pastoral Theology. The examination of this class on the above branch was arrested. The Senior Class [illegible] examined on Pastoral Theology. Their examination was brought to a close on this subject. The Junior Class was examined on Pastoral Theology and ecclesiastical history of the Old Testament. Professor McClelland examined the Senior and Junior Classes on the Hebrew & the Senior and Middle Classes on the Greek.
The Board adjourned to meet at 3 o'clock. Closed with prayer by Rev. Mr Van Deusen.

The Board met according to adjournment at 3 o'clock and was opened with prayer by Rev. Mr Van Zughten.
It was resolved that the examination of the Junior and Middle Classes be instanter.
The Committee on that part of Professor McClelland's report which refers to his desiring to form a private class to study the Hebrew language - reported. Their report was read - adopted - and is as follows -
The committee on that part of the report of Prof. McClelland suggesting the expediency of allowing a private class in Hebrew

those who wish to obtain a more critical knowledge of the language respectfully report that they believe any formal arrangement of two Classes might perhaps prove invidious and not operate happily. We believe it best that only one course, the public one should be officially recognized, on which punctual attendance is expected from all. If however any individuals of the class should desire the private instructions of the Professor [illegible] committee recommend to the Board of Superintendants to raise no objections to such a course.

P. Dwyer - Ch. -

The following young gentlemen, members of the Senior Class, viz, Jacob Ennis, Wm Youngblood, John Lillie, and Abraham Polhemus were individually examined on their personal piety and on their motives in desiring to enter the gospel ministry. It was resolved that the examination of Messrs Jacob Ennis, John Lillie & Abraham Polhemus be sustained, and that they be recommended to the Professors for their certificates.

Mr Wm Youngblood, a member of the Senior Class, being absent on account of ill health, was not examined by the Professors - but from the favourable report which they made respecting his attention to and proficiency in his studies - it was resolved that he be recommended to the Professors for their certificates.

Mr Elihu Doty, a member of the Middle Class was examined on his personal piety and his [illegible] motives in reference to his desiring the office of the ministry of reconciliation and in consequence of the resolution of the General Synod at its last session - it was resolved that he be recommended to the Professors for their certificates.

the Rev. Dr Dewitt delivered according to appointment at the last meeting of the Board an address to the Students of Theology and the Rev. Mr Duryea followed the address by prayer.

The Committe appointed to prepare the annual report presented the following - which was read and adopted -

Annual Report of the Board of Superintendants of the Theological College at New Brunswick N. J. to the General Synod of the Reformed Dutch Church for the year ending July 1835 -

The Board convened on the 9th of July 1835 in accordance with a resolution of the General Synod, directing their meetings -

It is peculiarly gratifying to the Board, and they take great satisfaction in reporting that our Theological Seminary continues to move on in its usual prosperity. The smiles of a gracious Providence have rested upon its operations through another year - and the prescribed course of instruction has been regularly, diligently and successfully pursued. Through divine goodness, in a recent calamity which has visited the city of New Brunswick and resulted in the destruction of much property, and some lives, the property of the Church has been kindly preserved, and our Professors and Students have all escaped unhurt, although some of them were in imminent danger. This signal manifestation of the Divine mercy demands a peculiar expression of gratitude -

The Board are satisfied, judging from the manner in which the young men have acquitted themselves at the examination that the Professors in their several departments have been faithful in the discharge of the duties entrusted to them - and from the report

of the Professors the Students have conducted in a manner becoming their christian profession and the high prospects which are before them. The whole number of Students who have attended during the year past is twenty five. Of these five have belonged to the Senior Class eight to the Middle, and twelve to the Junior. The following is a list of their names

Of the Senior Class — Abraham Polhemus.
Jacob Ennis.
Wm Young Wood.
John Lillie.
Lewis H. Tyrril.

Of the Middle Class — Peter Quick.
William Reilley.
Elihu D[illegible]
[illegible] S. Wort[illegible]
James De La[illegible]gne.
Daniel Michael.
Alexander [illegible]
John M. Scribner.

Of the Junior Class — William J. Pohlman.
John H. Mesick.
John P. Knox.
John J. Demarest.
John H. Duryea.
Harrison Heermance.
John C. Crookshank.
William Demarest.
Peter Allen.
Ebenezer Wiggins.
Robert Clark.
William R. Gordon.

Of these Lewis H. Tyrril & James De La-bergne, have been dismissed at their own request. The latter on account of serious indisposition and the emigration of his parents to one of our western states.

The Board are pleased to learn that an ardent missionary spirit has begun to operate with the young men of our Seminary. The visits of our worthy brother David Abell

and others have been peculiarly useful in awakening a christian feeling with our young brethren, in behalf of the benighted and perishing Heathen. Three young men expect to accompany Mr Abeel on his return to China next Spring and others it is probable will enter upon the same labours provid Providence shall open the way for them. This fact, as a harbinger of better things to the inhabitants, who have long been in darkness and in the region and shadow of death must be a rich source of gratification to the Synod and to all the pious of the Church. We have reason to bless God, that our Zion and especially our Theological institution is waking up to duty, in this grand era of the Church and the world, when benevolent hearts are beginning to swell and seeming to aim at a degree of expansiveness commensurate with their christian obligations. We doubt not if this spirit is fostered in this seat of science it will prove not only an immeasurable blessing abroad, but also at home. The Church will feel the benefit in calling forth an enlarged benevolence. None have such power to control and advance the vital interests of the Church at home as the devoted missionary even when thousands of miles distant. Men of towering genius and splendid attainments in the Church may indeed do much to regulate her affairs, both temporal and spiritual and guide with discretion all her concerns and give a character to her movements at home; but none of those who never step beyond the bounds of Christendom, have the power like the self denying missionary, to awaken among the best of

Christians even that enlarged benevolence which includes within its kind embrace the dying and the lost of the whole world. Believing as we do this to be an incontrovertible truth we would rejoice to see our Theological Seminary evince more of a missionary spirit - so that while the blessing of the Heathen who are ready to perish shall come upon you - the guardians of the interest of the church, and upon the missionaries, the instruments in the hand of God, in the conversion of the Heathen, our Zion shall rise in moral beauty, such as Angels shall delight to contemplate -.

The Board would respectfully suggest to the General Synod the propriety of taking into their consideration the fact that so few of the members of the Board usually attend its meetings - inquire into the cause of this delinquence, and do what in their wisdom will be most likely to remedy the same - inasmuch as it appears to the Board exceedingly desirable to have a more general attendance of its members.

Three young gentlemen of the Senior Class viz. A Polhemus, Jacob Ennis & John Lillie were examined on Didactic & Polemic Theology, Ecclesiastical History, Pastoral Theology, Church Government and Biblical Criticism together with practical piety and the views for entering the ministry - and were recommended for Professoral Certificates. Mr Youngblood of the same Class being unable to attend the examination in consequence of indisposition was not examined, but from his well known standing, as a member of this institution and the report of all the Professors bearing testimony to his faithfulness and attainments

and uniform christian deportment, recommended him also for professoral certificate. The Junior and Middle Classes were also sustained.

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The Professors communicated with the Board in relation to the case of Mr Wiggins, a members of the Junior Class, whose case was presented to the Synod. The diligence and attainments of Mr W— were well spoken of by the Professors, and the Board also learned in addition to the facts presented to the Synod that Mr W— had directed his attention to the subject of Theology for more than six months previous to his entering our Seminary at the Seminary in Belfast — Ireland. The Board unanimously considered the case of Mr W— as presenting a strong claim for the indulgence he asked of Synod, and would again respectfully present it to Synod for consideration and such action as their wisdom may direct.

In the conclusion of this report we are happy to state to the General Synod that our confidence and hopes connected with this institution continue undiminished and commend it to your affection, your wisdom & prayers.

Jacob J. Schultz
clerk no tem.

Thomas Dewitt Pres.

The Board of Superintendants having received suggestions as to the propriety of paying greater attention to the better arrangement and regulation of the library — Therefore Resolved that Rev. Messrs Gabriskie & Schultz be a committee to take the supervision of the library and report annually to this Board.

~~The Rev. Dr Dewitt delivered accordingly~~

The Rev. Wm. R. Bogardus was appointed to preach at the next annual meeting of the Board and in case of his failure Jacob J. Schultz.

Meeting closed as usual.

Jacob J. Schultz
Clerk Pro. Tem.

Thomas De Witt, Pres.

A true copy from the original minutes

John Van Lieu S. Clerk.

The Board of Superintendants of the Theological Seminary of the Reformed Dutch Church met agreably to the order of General Synod in the Theological Hall at New Brunswick on the morning of Thursday July 14. 1836

Opened with prayer by Rev. D. Brodhead.

Members present. Rev. Jacob Brodhead DD Isaac S. Demund, Isaac D. Cole, James B. Hardenbergh, William S. Heyer, Robert Bronk, Thomas E. Vermilye, James W. Stewart, James Murphy, Richard D. Van Kleeck, James E. Quaw, Henry Mandeville, Alexander M. Mann, Brogan Huff, Robert P. Lee, Christopher Hunt, James Romeyn, Abraham D. Wilson

Rev. Jacob Brodhead DD. was chosen President and Rev. Robert Bronk Temporary clerk of the Board

Resolved that the Professors of the Theological Seminary be, and they are hereby informed that

the Board of Superintendants have organized, and are ready to receive their reports, and attend to the examination of the students. A Rev. James E. Quaw was appointed a committee to communicate to the Professors the above resolution.

The Rev. Mr. Quaw reported that he had attended to the duty of his appointment, and presented the following reports from the Professors.

To the Rev. Board of Superintendants of the Theological College the undersigned reports that the number of students now in the institution is 23 — viz. of the senior class Peter J. Quick, William Reily, Alexander C. Hillman, Daniel Michael, Hart E. Waring, and John A. Scribner. — Of the Middle class William Demarest, John P. Hinx, William J. Pohlman, John C. Cruikshank, John T. Demarest, Ebenezer Wiggins, John H. Mesick, William R. Gordon, Peter Allen, Harrison Heermance, John A. Duryee, and Robert C. Clark. — Of the Junior class John A. Van Doren, Cornelius Wyckoff, Orlando Harriman, Philip M. Brett, and Cornelius S. Van Santvoord. Robert C. Clark in consequence of indisposition has been absent one whole session, and has not regularly recited with his class in the Didactic Room since his return. — William R. Gordon has also been prevented by severe indisposition from attending as regularly as he otherwise would have done. — Ebenezer Wiggins, who has been two years in the seminary, has lately at the request of a committee of the Board of Trustees of the College has taken charge p.t. of the grammar school. — Edward Reed, and John J. Van Antwerp, who had passed through two terms of the Junior year, retired from the seminary at the commencement of the last session. Mr. Reed has joined the Episcopal

seminary at New York, and Mr Van Antwerp, we learn, is engaged in teaching school, and in privately prosecuting theological studies —— In consequence of a general rise in the prices of necessaries of life throughout the country, the price of board has been enhanced, and with it the pecuniary embarrassment of our students on this ground some leave, and many are deterred from entering into our seminary —— The institution during the year past has been blessed with health, excepting the cases noticed. The tone of piety, and missionary zeal has been elevated, Christian harmony maintained; and the general deportment of the young men has been such as becomes sons of the prophets, and servants of Christ. All which is respectfully submitted

Philip Milledoler

July 14 1836

Prof of Dict. and Pol. Theology

Professor Cannon's report.

Rutgers College July 14. 1836

The undersigned begs leave to report to the Board of Superintendants 1 That during the year past he has instructed the Theolo. classes in the studies assigned to his department; — That the students in his room have been attentive to recitations, and other exercises, and exhibited evidences of proficiency in the knowledge of divine truth, and of History — 2. That so far as is known to the undersigned, all the young men in the school of the church have sustained a pious character, and discovered those graces of the Spirit in their habits of life, which afford hope of much future usefulness

Respectfully submitted

Jas. S. Cannon

Prof Ecll Hist & Pas. Theol.

Professor McClellan's report

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To the Superintendants of the Theological Seminary N.B.

Gentlemen

It gives me pleasure to report that the students have attended to the duties of my department with industry, and not without success. You are all aware that part of the road along which I am to guide them is not strewed with flowers. A considerable amount of drudgery must be performed, especially at the outset, and for which the majority of young men are imperfectly prepared in consequence of the [illegible] habit of studying languages acquired in our preparatory institutions. The greater part are deficient in the first [illegible] of Greek Grammar. Of the Hebrew, when they come to us they know not a single letter. Under these circumstances, the task imposed upon them is very far from easy. Indeed there are some in every class, from whom it would be vain to expect more than nominal attainments, their deficiencies being altogether beyond the reach of cure in the short period they remain with us. I have therefore during the present year made trial of the scheme, which I suggested at your last meeting, and which you were pleased to approve. Besides giving a public course of instruction in the original languages fully equal, I presume to that in other seminaries, I have formed a private class for the benefit of those who are ambitious of making higher attainments than it would be proper to exact from all. The plan succeeds well. Half of the Junior Class embraced the opportunity with eagerness, and have gone through all the preliminary labour which I require in this exercise, not only without a murmur, but with pleasure, and alacrity. Indeed so manifest are the advantages of the Method to the young men themselves that they are desirous of having it carried out further, and in accordance with the earnest wishes of a number, I am commencing

a private course of Biblical Chaldee, and the Greek Septuagint.

It is proper to state that Mr. Brett of the Junior class has not pursued the study of the Hebrew in consequence of joining the Seminary a month too late. The tardiness in his case was unavoidable, but as this [illegible] the first [illegible] and [illegible] in my duty to state that the Student cannot but suffer from it during the whole course. Mr. Clark of the Middle class has not been regular in his attendance in consequence of ill health. He states however that he intends at the commencement of the next session to unite himself with the class below, in which case he will have the opportunity to make good his deficiencies.

Yours with respect

Alex. McClelland

Prof. of Biblical Literature

Resolved that the Rev. James Murphy, James B. Hardenbergh, and James Lemoyne be a committee to prepare the annual report of the Board of Superintendants to the General Synod, and that the above reports of the Professors be referred to said committee.

Resolved that the Junior class be informed that the Board are prepared to receive their credentials.

The following gentlemen, members of the Junior class viz. John A. Van Doren, Cornelius McKoff, Orlando Harriman, [illegible] Brett, and Cornelius S. Van Santvoord appeared before the Board, and having exhibited their credentials, it was resolved that these credentials [illegible] that the [illegible] gentlemen be recognized as members of the Theological Seminary.

A request was presented to the Board by Mr. William S. Moore for leave to enter as a Student into [illegible] Seminary, accompanied by testimonials

[illegible] to Christian Character [illegible] Rev George [illegible] Franklin [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] by the faculty of the University of the City of New York

The above [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] a committee consisting of the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Thomas E. Vermilye, and Isaac S. Demund

This committee presented the following report, which was adopted by the Board. The committee appointed to consider the application of William S. Moore by leave to report that they have examined the several considerations which [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] to make his application, and after weighing them believe that his case presents claims to the indulgence of the Board of peculiar force. Your committee therefore recommend that his application be granted.

Resolved that the members of the Senior class do [illegible] their sermons before this Board this evening at eight o'clock, and that the members of the Middle, and Junior classes do their sermons before the Board for inspection to morrow morning at nine o'clock.

Resolved that the [illegible] [illegible] be [illegible], whose duty it shall be to ascertain whether there are any establishment written rules for the government of this Board, and if he find none that he report a set of rules for the consideration of the Board at the next annual meeting of the Board.

Resolved that the Board proceed to the examination of the students this afternoon at three o'clock.

Adjourned, and closed with prayer

Thursday 3 o'clock P.M.

Opened with prayer

The Board met according to adjournment. The students of the Senior, and Middle classes were examined by the Professor [illegible] in part [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

the board resolved to have a recess until 8 o'clock this evening. Resolved that this board meet 1/2 past 5 o'clock to morrow morning.

At eight o'clock in the evening, the young men of the senior class delivered their sermons, and the board adjourned, and was closed with prayer.

On Friday the board met at 1/2 past 5 A.M. in the absence of the President, the Rev. Mr Quaw was appointed to take the chair, and the meeting was opened with prayer.

The Rev. Professor Milledoler resumed the examination on Didactic Theology, and having continued it for some time the board resolved to have a recess until 9 o'clock.

9 o'clock A.M. The board met, and the Rev. Professor Milledoler closed the examination on Didactic Theology.

The Rev. Professor Mr Cleveland then commenced, and closed the examination of the senior, and junior middle classes on the Hebrew and Greek languages, and on Biblical Literature.

A communication was received from the committee of arrangements inviting the board to attend a meeting of the Society of enquiry on Missions this evening in the college chapel.

The following communications were received from the Secretary of the Theological faculty, and from Mr Robert Vane Amburgh a member of the Junior class in Rutgers College, and referred to a special committee consisting of Messrs Mann, Huff, and Demund, Vt.

Extract from the minutes of the Theological faculty of May 23 1836.

A letter addressed to the Theological faculty by Mr Van Amburgh of the Junior class in Rutgers College was received in which he requests the faculty to permit him to enter the Theological seminary in November next. Whereupon it was resolved that Mr Van Amburgh be directed to present his request to the Board of Superintendants of the Theological seminary. Resolved further that in consideration of the literary attainments, and of the age of Mr Vane Amburgh

united with his pious temper, and deportment, the faculty
thinks favorably of the course which he is disposed to pursue.

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James S. Cannon Sec'y

To the Board of Superintendants

Reverend Gentlemen

New Brunswick July 15th 1834

I have now completed my Junior year. It is my request that I may be permitted to enter the Theological Seminary in September next. As to my literary attainments I refer to the Professors. My reasons for making the request are the following 1. The delicacy of my health. 2. My age being 20. 3. a want of pecuniary means. And if the request is compatible with your views, and consistent with the welfare of the Church I hope it will be granted

Yours respectfully Robert Van Arlingh

The board then resolved to hold a recess until 3 o'clock P.M.

3 o'clock P.M. The board convened when the Rev. Dr. Cannon entered upon, and concluded the examination of the Middle Class in Pastoral Theology, and of the Senior Class in Ecclesiastical History, and Pastoral Theology. When the board adjourned to meet to Morrow Morning at eight o'clock

Saturday 8 o'clock P.M. The board met according to adjournment, when Professor Cannon examined the Senior Class on the subject of Church Government, the Middle Class in Ecclesiastical History, and the Junior Class in Jewish Antiquities — The board then examined the Senior Class on experimental Religion, and their views in wishing to enter the gospel ministry, after which the following resolution was adopted Resolved that the examination of all the classes be sustained, and that the young gentlemen of the Senior Class viz Messrs Peter Quick, William Riley, Alexander C. Hallman, Daniel Michael, Hart E. Waring, and John M. Scribner Jr. and hereby are recommended to the Professors for a Professoral certificate with a view to licensure to preach the gospel. The young men in the Theological Seminary were then called in, and addressed by the Rev. James Murphy in the name of the board.

The committee to whom was referred the Application of Robert Van Ambugh &c made the following Report, which was adopted viz

The committee appointed to examine the application of Mr. Van Ambugh for admission into the Theological Seminary before having finished his senior year in the literary institution, would beg leave respectfully to report that they can discover nothing in the reasons assigned by Mr Van Ambugh & making this application which seem to render it either desirable, or necessary that his request should be granted. He has been engaged in study but little more than four years, and although his attainments are represented as highly respectable, yet another years study cannot but be highly beneficial, and must have a tendency to qualify him better for the prosecution of his theological course. His age is only twenty six, and ought not in the opinion of your committee to be urged as an objection to his longer continuance in college. His want of resources may be supplied by a timely application to the proper source; and as to his health your committee cannot perceive in what way it would be essentially benefitted by a simple transfer from the literary to the Theological institution. But this is not all that suggests itself as an objection to the granting of the application. We believe that if it should be granted it would be doing an injury to the applicant himself by depriving him of advantages which he might otherwise enjoy and to the interests of Zion generally by lowering the standard of preparatory qualifications, and by opening the door for the admission of others whose claims may perhaps be far less meritorious than those of the present applicant. In view of this your Committee would offer the following resolution. Resolved that Mr Van Ambugh be affectionately advised to withdraw his application for admission into the Theological Seminary until the close of his senior year in the literary institution.

A. M. Munn Chairman

Resolved that the Rev James Murphy be appointed to preach the next annual sermon before the board, and that the Rev. James B. Hardenbergh be his secundus

Resolved that the Rev. James Romeyn deliver the address to the students in the Theological Seminary at the close of the next annual examination and that the Rev. Robert P. Lee be his secundus.

The Rev. Thomas De Witt was appointed the stated Clerk of this board.

Resolved that the Rev. Jacob Brodhead D.D. Thomas De Witt D.D. James Romeyn, and Mancius S. Hutton be the committee of this board to receive in connection with the Theological Faculty young men into the Theological Seminary during the recess of the Board.

Resolved that the above committee be directed to adhere strictly to the rules in force for the reception of students into the Theological Seminary

The Committee appointed to prepare the annual report of the Board to the General Synod presented their report, which having been amended was adopted, and is as follows

The Board of Superintendants of the Theological Seminary at N. Brunswick respectfully report that the members of the ~~last~~ Board of Superintendants appointed by the last General Synod convened at New Brunswick July 14. 1836. After having organized, they received the communications of the Professors of Theology, and heard the examination ~~of~~ the students in the several branches usually taught in the institution. The board feel much gratified with the reports of the Professors respecting the piety, correct deportment, and diligence of of the students as well as the exhibition of their attainments in learning, and correct theological instruction, in every respect highly honourable to the young Gentlemen, and the sure evidence of the ability, industry, and aptness to teach of the Professors, who are intrusted with the important office of training up young men with the necessary furniture of able Ministers of the New Testament.

Your board found in the seminary the following young men members of the three classes. Senior Class Alexander C. Hillman, Peter J. Quick, Daniel Michael, William Reily, John M. Scribner, Hart E. Waring. — Middle Class Peter Allen, Robert C. Clark, John

E. Crookshank, John T. Demarest, William Demarest, John N. Duryee, William H. Gordon, Harrison Heermance, John P. Knox, John F. Merick, William J. Schilman, Ebenezer Wiggins 12 Junior Class. Philip M. Brett, Orlando Harriman, John A. Van Doren, Cornelius J. Van Sandwort, Cornelius Wyckoff 5 in all 23

Mr William J. Moore a member of the University of New York appeared before the board, and presented a testimonial from the Rev Geo. Dubois as to his church membership, and christian character and standing, and also a certificate of literary attainments, and abilities from the faculty of the University of New York. On these, and in view of his peculiar circumstances, he was admitted by the board to enter the theological seminary at the commencement of the fall session

The Board learned that in view of the great want of our churches, and the missionary field at home and abroad, so few young men are found to devote their lives to the great important, and benevolent work of the ministry. Whether the cause of this fact may, or may not be referred to the growing worldly mindedness, and fearfully to be feared so fatal to vital piety and so wounding to the cause of the Redeemer, or to the difficulties attending the ministry in different ways, or the number of similar institutions, or the limits of our church as a denomination, the Board refrain to say that they exercise undiminished confidence in the Theological faculty, where time, training, and talents are devoted to their important duties in this highly commendable way. And although their duties in connection with the literary institution are certainly arduous, and a heavy demand on them, still the board is not aware that any real loss is sustained, or injury done to the theological students. Yet such is the arduous nature of their duties and the importance of the instruction of the Theological students, that it might be an advantage to relieve the Theological faculty as soon as circumstances will admit from the embarrassment which they now discharge in the literary department with so much labor to themselves, and advantage to their pupils. Is it asked, why have we not a greater number of young men in our institutions? The high price of the means of living may be assigned as an important reason, and probably

the only remedy for this inconvenience is some approved plan of commons, or boarding houses under the control of the trustees of the college on the college grounds. It is hoped also that the compliance of the ministers of our church with the direction of General Synod to preach two, or three times a year to their people, and to use all proper means of finding, and bringing forward young men to the work of the ministry will exert a salutary influence on our people, and young men. The missionary spirit is still producing an important influence on our young men, and although we have so many vacant churches, yet such is the vast importance of the Gospel to the Heathen, the world that the board refuse in this interesting state of things. The health of the faculty and students, with some little exception has been good, and the death has not removed any. In the communication of Professor McClelland, he speaks of a plan of instruction by dividing his class into public, and private. The board has the Professor's declaration that the plan operates well but how far such a division may be calculated to promote good scholarship, and harmony, or dissatisfaction among the young men, the board are not in possession of facts to form a judgement, or take a special order.

The board has been better attended than usual, which is felt to be a circumstance of great importance to the institution, and probably ascribable to the resolution of General Synod directing the expenses of the attending members to be paid. The Board would respectfully suggest to General Synod the necessity of providing available funds to pay regularly the expenses of attending members. The Board feel persuaded of the vast importance of giving the full and undivided support of General Synod to these institutions which have been the means of so much good, and so precious fountain sending forth streams making glad the city of our God; institutions founded by the Fathers of the Church, blessed with their prayers, and left to us as an inheritance, which we are bound by every tie of duty to preserve, and transmit to the Children of the Church. Perhaps the preciousness of the word of God at this time, the scarcity of young men prepared for the ministry, and the difficulty of finding men to supply our vacant churches may be and probably is owing to that worldly spirit prevailing in the Churches, which has caused the Lord

to give that which has been sought, but to send leanness of soul, and deny the bread of life as a chastisement for inverting the commands of our Lord "Seek first the Kingdom of God, and his righteousness", and by which the Nation has been increased in Gold, but not in the joy of the Holy Ghost

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Robt Brook Clerk pt

The following communication was received

New Brunswick July 15 1836

To the board of Superintendants &c

Dear Brethren When I entered the seminary I was destitute of the means of self-support. From the funds of the Church I at first received ninety dollars. This sum was insufficient for my support & was therefore compelled to relinquish my studies or run into debt. I chose the latter. I now am in debt about one hundred dollars. I wish to have this amount for about a year. It is my desire to satisfy the person who has kindly given me credit before I leave this city. To enable me to do this, I hope the board of Superintendants will recommend the treasurer of Rutgers College to send me one hundred dollars for one year

Daniel Michael

We the undersigned recommend the case of Mr Michael to the special attention of the board. If some efficient mode of relief can be devised in his favour, it appears to us to be very desirable

[illegible]

Jas. S. Cannon

In relation to the above communication, it was

Resolved that the request of Mr Michael be granted.

Resolved that the clerk of this board inform the students in this theological school, that they are required by a resolution of this board to deliver their sermons, when preaching before it without paper.

Resolved that the Treasurer of General Synod be requested to pay the expenses of each Member of the Board of Superintendants according to the Order of General Synod. — Also

Resolved that no member be allowed to enjoy the benefit of the preceding resolution, except he remain until he remain until the conclusion of the session or be excused by the Board

Resolved that the Clerk furnish the Treasurer with a certified copy of the names of the members who attended and remained during the session of the board, and who are entitled to the benefit of the above resolution

The minutes were read, and approved, and the meeting of the board was closed with prayer

Robt Brook Clerk pt

H. Brookhead Pres

A true copy from the original minutes

Thomas De Witt Stated Clerk

The Board of Superintendants of the Theological Seminary of the Dr Dillinch convened in the stated session in the Theological Hall in the City of New Brunswick on the 8th day of July 1831 at 11 o'clock A.M. The President of the Board the Rev. Jacob Brodhead Dr [illegible] present the Rev. [illegible] was appointed [illegible] who opened the meeting with prayer and the Rev. Robert [illegible] was chosen [illegible] clerk in the place of the Rev. Robert Brook deceased

On the calling of the roll, the following members answered to their names Thomas De Witt, John E. Miller Isaac S. Demund, Isaac D. Cole, Maurice W. Dwight

James Murphy, Richard D. Van Kleeck, Benjamin C. Taylor William S. Heyer, Christopher Hunt, Robert Rodes, Joshua Boyd — The following additional members appeared during the course of the morning session, James Stevenson, Abraham D. Wilson, Ferdinand H. Vanderveer, Isaac P. Labagh.

The minutes of the last meeting of the Board were then read. Rev. William S. Heyer, and Isaac P. Labagh were appointed a committee to wait on the Professors, and inform them that this Board will be ready to commence the examination of the students this afternoon at three o clock.

It was resolved that the annual sermon before this board be delivered in the Reformed Dutch Church in this city to morrow evening, and that the Rev. B. C. Taylor be appointed a committee to make the necessary arrangements.

A report from Rev. J. E. Shaw appointed a committee at the last meeting of the Board to draft rules for its government was presented, and read, and referred to the following committee the Rev. Dr. De Witt, and Rev. Messrs. Hunt, and Stevenson.

The Rev. Messrs. Dwight, Van Kleeck, and Cole were appointed a committee to prepare the annual report to General Synod.

The following annual reports from Professors Milledoler, Cannon, and McClelland were received, read and referred to the committee appointed to prepare the report to General Synod.

The undersigned reports to the Rev. Board of Superintendants of the Theological College, that the number of students regularly connected with the institution is at the present time twenty four. Of these eleven are of the Senior, five of the Middle, and eight of the Junior. The members of the Senior class are Peter Allen, John C. Cruikshank, John H. Duryee, William Demarest, John T. Demarest, William R. Gordon, Harrison Heermance, John P. Knox, John F. Mesick, William J. Pohlman, and Ebeneger Wiggins. The

members of the middle class are Philip M. Brett, Robert C. Clark, John A. Van Doren, Orlando Harriman Jr. and Cornelius Wyckoff. The members of the Junior Class are John H. Ackerson, John B. Crawford, Anthony Elmendorf, Edward D. Johnson, John E. Johnson, William S. Moore, John J. Quick, and Daniel M. L. Quackenbush ——— Philip M. Brett who entered the seminary after the 15th of September 1836, and by advice of the faculty prosecuted his studies in the Didactic room during the first year has not particularly attended to Didactic Theology during the past year, and therefore will not now be presented for examination in that department. — Messrs John E. Johnson, and Daniel M. L. Quackenbush who entered the seminary after the 15th of Septr. 1837, and by advice of the Faculty have prosecuted their studies in the Didactic room are now offered for examination with the middle class. ——— The name of Cornelius Van Sandtwoord is not included in this report. Mr Van Sandtwoord was formerly a student of Rutgers College, but left it for Union. On the 15th of September 1835 he returned to New Brunswick, entered the Theological College, and was examined with his class before the Board of Superintendants at the close of the year. After that examination he engaged in teaching school at Belleville till April 1837, and recently applied to the Faculty for a dismission to go to Princeton. At the request of this faculty he then gave his note amounting it is believed to upwards of two hundred dollars received from the Education Society of our Church, which has been put into the hands of the Rev. Dr Thomas De Witt their Secretary, and received from us a testimonial simply referring to the time he had passed in the seminary. ——— Mr Cornelius Wyckoff a very worthy young man of the middle class has been prevented through bodily indisposition from regular attendance during the past year in the Didactic room, and the undersigned is not without serious apprehension that his future course will be very much retarded, if not entirely checked by its continuance. The general deportment of our students during the past year has been such as to do honour to themselves, and to the institution with which they are connected. We expect much from their future labours in the vineyard of our Lord, and are we think warranted to believe that they will prove workmen who need not be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. ——— Through the tender mercies of our God

the present state of the literary institution is such, that we may reasonably hope for a more than ordinary accession to our Theological College in the coming year — And if the Churches shall wake up, and adopt vigorous measures for bringing forward young men to the Gospel ministry, the time will not be distant when the Churches at home, and the Heathen abroad will have cause to bless God forever for his timely interposition in their behalf. All which is respectfully submitted

N Brunswick July 13. 1837 Philip Milledoler

The undersigned begs leave to report to the Board of Superintendants of the Theological Institute. 1. That he has instructed the various classes during the past year in the several branches assigned to his department, and that the students during this course have been attentive to their studies, regular in their attendance on lectures, and disposed to improve their minds in knowledge. 2. That the conduct of the students has been marked with piety, and prudence in no ordinary degree. 3. And that the very feeble constitution of Mr Wyckoff of the middle class has, with leave obtained from the Professors, created during the past winter an interruption in his course of study, and led to his removal for a time from the Theological Seminary. Whether his general health is such as to encourage us in aiding him in the further prosecution of his studies at present is a matter respectfully submitted to the board

Theol. College July 12. 1837 [illegible]

Gentlemen The students have performed their duties in my department during the past year with commendable zeal, and fidelity. Messrs Quackenbush, and J. Johnson of the Junior class have not engaged in the study of Hebrew in consequence of arriving at too late a period. Mr Brett has made good his deficiencies in that branch. Mr Wiggins of the Senior Class has been prevented from attending me during the year past by his having accepted the tutorship in the college. I do not state this with the wish that it may in any wise operate against him, but it is right that you should know the fact. Mr Wyckoff has during the

last six months been unfitted for duty by ill health — I perceive that your Reverend Body in their last Report directed the notice of Synod to a division which I had made of my classes into "public and private" reading some observations which showed that you had doubts of the propriety of the measure. I felt a little surprise at being thus singled out from my colleagues, and cannot but think that "the plan" as it is called is entirely misunderstood. It is nothing more, or less than this. I inform the students that if any are desirous of entering more deeply into the study of Greek and Hebrew than the course of the Seminary admits, I am willing to meet them two or three times a week to render them assistance. None are compelled — all are welcome. Such of them as accept the offer I call a "private" class merely to distinguish their exercises from the public routine of the Seminary. A private class of this kind I have had during the last year in Greek tragedy, of which five theological students are members, and of which the Greek are not members, because they do not choose to be so. I am utterly unable to conceive what there is in this arrangement unfavorable to scholarship, or calculated to produce dissatisfaction. Your Reverend body had probably forgotten that two years ago you passed a resolution condemning the measure.

Before closing my Report permit me to bring before you a fact of painful interest. It is a subject of general lamentation among us that the number of theological students is so small. This is however those who complain the most are not aware of the extent of the evil, which is really alarming. The whole number of students in the Seminary is twenty-four. Now of these twenty four I find on careful enquiry that at least ten have not in any sense of the word been brought up in the Dutch Reformed Church, or under the influence of its ministry. They are by birth education, and connections presbyterians, and came over to us when they formed a connection with our seminary. I say this not to their disparagement for they are highly respectable young men, but to show how little our Church is doing in the great cause of sending laborers into the gospel harvest. The whole number of candidates for the ministry furnished by our own congregations is fourteen. Permit me in connection with this to state another fact. During a visit which I lately paid to some brethren who are members of one of our

largest Classes, I asked two of them, how many young men between the ages of fourteen, and twenty four they had in full communion. They answered, Not one. They also stated that they knew the case to be as bad in the other churches, and one of them positively stated that were but three in the bounds of the Classis, or not More than three. Another brother, pastor of a large, and flourishing congregation in one of our cities ~~on being asked~~ on being asked the same question could name but one single individual. If this deplorable state of things exists generally in our church, it seems quite superfluous to enquire why so few young men enter our theological seminary. The wonder is not that we have only twenty four, but that we have half that number. The ~~cause~~ of the evil I cannot think to be the entire want of piety among our believed youth, but attachment to a usage which has become a sort of common law in both the Scotch, and Reformed Dutch Churches of deferring actual communion with the church till marriage, and settlement in the world. The consequence is that they who are really, and deeply serious conceal their feelings, and the pastor is unacquainted with the spiritual condition of the most interesting part of his flock. Thus hundreds grow up unknowing, and unknown, not even suspecting to what high, and noble uses they might be put; Bye and bye they marry and make a profession of love to the Redeemer, which they might have made with sincerity perhaps six years before. Now the Pastor has discovered them, but too late to secure their services to the church. Nothing in my opinion would be more promotive of the cause of ministerial education than impressing the minds of our serious youth with the wickedness, and danger of the practise, referred to

Yours with respect

Alex: McClelland.

The Rev. Dr. De Witt, and Rev. Mr. Dwight, and Taylor were appointed a committee to draft a preamble, and resolutions expressing the sense of this board respecting the public preaching of the students of our seminary.

It was resolved that the board attend this evening

at half past seven, and to morrow morning at six o'clock in the College Chapel to hear the discourses of the Students of the Senior Class.
Adjourned with prayer by Rev W. S. Heyer to meet at 3 P.M.

The Board met at 3 P.M., and was opened with prayer by Rev. B. C. Taylor. After the calling of the roll, Professor Milledoler commenced the examination of the Senior, and Middle Classes on Didactic, and Polemic Theology.

During the course of the afternoon session, the Rev. Richard Sluyter appeared, and took his seat.

The hour of adjournment having arrived, it was resolved to suspend the examination until to morrow morning at eight o'clock, when Professor Milledoler will spend one hour in completing the examination in his department.

Adjourned with prayer by Rev R. Sluyter, to meet in the College Chapel at half after seven to hear the discourses of the Students of the senior Class.

The Board met in the college Chapel at ½ past seven P.M. and was opened with prayer by Rev. A. D. Wilson. It was resolved that the repetition of the Lord's prayer by the student at the commencement of his exercise be omitted. After eight young Gentlemen had delivered their trial exercises the board adjourned with prayer by Rev. J. E. Miller

Friday Morning July 4 The Board met in the College Chapel at six P.M., and was opened with prayer by Rev. D. Cole. After the remaining three young Gentlemen had delivered their trial exercises, the board adjourned with prayer by Rev. J. S. Demund.

The Board met at eight A.M. The Rev J. Stevenson opened the session with prayer.

Professor Milledoler resumed the examination, and continued it one hour when it was resolved that the examination on Didactic, and Polemic Theology be arrested.

The Rev. Dr. De Witt in behalf of the committee appointed at the last meeting of the board to receive the

-dents into the Theological School reported that the said committee met at New Brunswick in September last in conjunction with the Theological Professors and received the following young gentlemen as students in the Theological Seminary John H. Ackerson, John B. Crawford, Anthony Elmendorf, Edward D. Johnson, John Luick. — William Schoore was also present who had previously been received by the Board at their meeting in July. — The above report was adopted.

The Rev. Isaac D. Cole was appointed primarius, and the Benjamin C. Taylor secundus to preach the sermon before the Board; and the Rev. Isaac S. Demund primarius, and the Rev. Christopher Hunt secundus to address the students at the next annual meeting.

It was resolved that the President of the Board in announcing to the students the result of the examination be directed to impress upon the members of the Senior class the great importance of committing their discourses to memory, and abandoning entirely the use of their manuscripts in the public preaching of the gospel, and the Board are deeply impressed with the importance of this in order to their greater usefulness in the ministry, and their more favorable reception in our churches.

Professor Cannon entered upon, and completed the examination on Church history, Pastoral Theology, and Church Government. Adjourned with prayer by Rev. M. W. Dwight to meet at half past two.

The Board met at ½ past two, and was opened with prayer by Rev. S. Boyd.

Professor M. Cleland entered upon the examination on Biblical Literature, and finished it during the afternoon session.

Adjourned with prayer by Rev. W. S. Heyer to meet at eight to morrow morning.

In the evening the annual sermon was delivered before the board by Rev. James Murphy from the 40th Psalm 317

Saturday Morning July 15. The Board met at 8 o'clock A.M. and was opened with prayer by Rev. R. L. Van Kleeck

The following preamble, and resolution were adopted

Whereas it appears from the reports of the Professors that some of the students have not attended all of the studies of the classes to which they respectively belong, and that one of them has by sickness been obliged to suspend his studies entirely for a great part of the past year. Therefore Resolved that Rev J. Stevenson, B. C. Taylor, and R. Sluyter be a committee to enquire into the cases of the students above referred to to ascertain what action if any on the part of the board may be called for in reference to them.

The members of the Senior class were examined upon experimental religion, and their views in desiring the gospel ministry. After the examination was completed in the different branches, it was Resolved that the examination be sustained, and the senior class be recommended for Professoral certificates. The students were called in, and informed by the President that their examined was sustained, and that the senior class was recommended for Professoral certificates after which the address to the students was delivered by the Rev. R. P. Lee, and the Rev. Dr. De Witt commended the young men to God in prayer

The committee on the drafting of rules reported, and their report was adopted, and was follow.

The committee to whom were referred the rules prepared for this board report, that they have examined the same, and recommend the following modifications

Rules

Article 1. The board shall meet annually at such time, and at such place as may be directed by the General Synod.

Art. 2. Any four members of the board regularly convened shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

Art. 3 The Board shall annually elect a President, and ~~stated~~ Clerk ~~who shall hold their office for three years~~, They shall also appoint a ~~Secretary at each meeting~~ stated Clerk who shall hold his office [illegible] the provisions of Genl Synod in 1841 on minutes page 518

Article 4. In the transaction of business, the following order shall be observed

I Opening by prayer
II Calling the roll
III Election of officers
IV Reading the Minutes
V Standing Committees
VI. Communications
VII Examinations
VIII. Reports of Committees
IX Particularia
X Resumption, and Close
XI. Adjournment

Article 5. The following standing committees shall be appointed by the Board on the reception of Students into the seminary,
II. On the Professoral reports
III On the Synodical Report.

Article 6. The following particulars shall be observed in the examination

I The examination shall embrace the various subjects taught by the different Professors.

II. Each of the Professors may be requested to conduct the examination on his own particular branch, or the Board may examine in any other way that they may determine

III For ascertaining the pulpit talents of the students they shall be required (except the Senior class to present a written sermon for the examination of the board, and those of the Senior class shall deliver a sermon or discourse before the board

Article 7. The annual sermon before the Board shall be preached on the evening of the first day of the session by a minister appointed at the previous meeting

Article 8. All Headings shall be delivered to the Students after the examination by a member of the Board appointed at the preceding meeting.

Article 9. For the preservation of order in the transaction of business the Board shall be directed by the bylaws of General Synod.

Article 10. These rules shall be read at each meeting of the Board.

The Committee on the preaching of Students reported. Their report was adopted, and was follows.

The Committee to whom was referred the subject of the preaching of Students respectfully report.

Information has been received that during the year past, several of the Students in our Theological Seminary have preached in some of our Churches during the Sabbath services and at other times. This is contrary to an express rule of the General Synod, and also of the regulations of the Theological School. The liberty given by the Board in 1822 allowing Students to deliver an exhortation approved by at least one of the Professors in New Brunswick or its immediate vicinity cannot furnish a warrant for this. Authority to preach the gospel can only be derived from a license by the Classis, and until such license be obtained, Students should view themselves as private members of the Church. Fields of usefulness open to them as such in which they can more appropriately, and usefully occupy themselves as such, without invading or seeming to invade the ministerial province. There cannot be too great caution exercised at all times, and especially in the present circumstances of the Christian Church in strictly guarding this point. Your Committee are aware that there

are instances in which students have engaged in public preaching at the solicitation of pastors, and that that the blame is thus attached to some of our ministers to induce the student to transgress in this respect. Your Committee would recommend to the Board to adopt the following resolutions

I. Resolved that the Board of Superintendants direct the attention of the students of the Theological Seminary to the rule of General Synod forbidding them to preach in public, and expect their careful attention, and obedience to it.

II Resolved that the stated clerk furnish a certified copy of the above to the students of the Theological Seminary, and that he also cause to be inserted in the Christian Intelligencer the rule of General Synod for the information of the ministers of our Church.

Respectfully submitted

Thomas De Witt Chr.

The committee appointed on the case of Mr Wyckoff and others reported. Their report was adopted, and is as follows

The Committee appointed to enquire into the cases of those students who have not attended to all the studies of the classes to which they respectively belong, respectfully report. That the cases of Messrs Brett, and Wiggins have been satisfactorily explained to your Committee, and that there appears to be no deficiency in the case of Mr Wiggins. And that in the instance of Mr Brett, he has been permitted to attend to some of the studies of the Middle class during the past year with the view of attending to some of the studies of the Junior class next year, from which by very peculiar affliction he has been prevented during the past winter. The Professors Milledoler, and Cannon believe that these cases can well be sustained. Respecting the case of Mr Wyckoff, your Committee would state that Professors Milledoler and Cannon (Prof. McClelland not having been seen on the subject) are of opinion that there is reason for serious apprehension, that from the state of his health, his ministerial usefulness (should he enter it) will be impaired. And

[illegible] committee [illegible]
[illegible] before the Board [illegible]
[illegible] submitted to you

[illegible] Chairman

[illegible] before the Board and after conversation with [illegible] referred the case to the committee [illegible]

Resolved [illegible] Professor [illegible] [illegible] connection with the Theological Seminary [illegible] with the [illegible] Theological [illegible] of this Board.

Resolved that the [illegible] committee [illegible] [illegible] for the [illegible] of [illegible] Theological Seminary

The committee [illegible] report [illegible] [illegible] follows. It was also ordered to be published in the Christian Intelligencer.

The Board of Superintendents respectfully [illegible] [illegible] they convened at New Brunswick [illegible] [illegible] 1837 and [illegible] upon the [illegible] [illegible] exercises was nearly the same as that of the preceding year.* Since the Board was organized, the [illegible] communications [illegible] received from their [illegible] [illegible] the general [illegible] of the students during the past year [illegible] [illegible] to themselves and to the institution with which they are connected, and warrant the indulgence of the highest hopes with respect to their future usefulness. It affords your Board great pleasure to state ~~that~~ the examination which was conducted in a manner calculated to give a full and satisfactory exhibition

* (In [illegible]) [illegible] board are called to lament the absence of one member, a brother highly esteemed & endeared to all who have been [illegible] [illegible] by our circle from [illegible]

the improvement made by the different classes in their respective courses of study was such as to confirm to the utmost the expectations awakened by the Professoral reports. The readiness, and accuracy with which answers were uniformly given to the questions proposed on every subject gave ample testimony to the close, and successful application of the students. The examination being approved the Senior class were unanimously recommended for Professoral certificates. The number of students at present in the seminary twenty four. Senior Class Peter Allen, John C. Cruikshank, John H. Duryea, John T. Demarest, William Demarest, William R. Gordon, Harrison Heermance, John Annox, John F. Mesick, William J. Pohlman, Ebenezer Wiggins — Middle Class Philip M. Brett, Robert E. Clark, John A. Van Doren, Orlando Harriman, Cornelius Nyckoff. Junior Class. John H. Atkinson, John B. Crawford, Anthony Elmendorf, Edward D. Johnson, John E. Johnson, William S. Moore, John J. Quick, Daniel M. L. Quackenbush. — Mr Van Santvoorth formerly connected with this seminary has taken a dismission to Princeton after having given a note to secure the amount received by him from the board of Education. Mr Nyckoff has been obliged to discontinue his studies for a season on account of ill health. The present number though not in advance of that of the preceding year exceeds what has usually been found in our seminary. Should proper efforts be made this will be continually increasing, until the institutions of our church will take rank with the most distinguished of other churches in numbers, as they already do in intellectual, and religious advantages. It is not however the voice of murmuring, and reproach that is to bring "prosperity within these palaces". Let our ministry through the length, and breadth of the church watch with untiring solicitude over the rising generation, foster with assiduity, and care the youth who give indications of usefulness. Let them bring upon them a more than ordinary degree of Christian influence

and present every encouragement which the Gospel warrants, waiting upon God for the blessing, and the highest hopes may be realized, and the most enlarged desires gratified. To this we are summoned by the voice of God; the call of duty, the cries of the church, the wants of the world, and the anxieties and toils of a devoted Professorate. Ere the fruit of such exertions appears, may we not say to the cherished institutions of our church "Arise, shine, for thy light has come, and the glory of the Lord has arisen upon thee". Information is already through the churches that the city of New Brunswick has been the seat of the gracious, and mighty workings of the Lord. Our literary, and religious institutions have both shared largely in the sacred influence. Many have become hopeful converts in the one, while the members of the other have experienced the refreshing ~~of the~~ their spirits, and the revival of their graces. It is already ascertained that a number of the subjects of this work design to give themselves to the ministry of reconciliation, and pursue their preparatory course in our seminary. Come then to return to the help of the Lord! Labour to strengthen, and enlarge the institutions which he has made the witnesses of his grace, and power, and soon the cry of want will cease in our vacancies, and distant lands rejoice, and be made glad through our instrumentality.

In conclusion the board would respectfully suggest the propriety of changing the day of meeting from Thursday to the second Wednesday in July.

All which is respectfully submitted

M. W. Dwight Chr.

The following resolution was adopted

Resolved that the Secretary be requested to furnish

the Treasurer of General Synod with a certified list of the members of the board, who have attended this meeting that they may be entitled to receive remuneration for the expenses of their attendance

Resolved that the names of Rev. Christopher Hunt, and Isaac D. Cole be sent to the Treasurer as members who attended last year

The minutes were read, and approved

Adjourned, with prayer by the President

James Murphy, Pres.t p.t.
Robert P. Lee, Temp. Clerk.

A true copy from the original minutes
Thomas De Witt Stated Clerk

Article I. ~~Opened with prayer~~ The Board of Superintendants of the Theological Seminary of the R. D. Church Convened in stated session in the Theological Hall in the City of New Brunswick on the 11th day of July 1838, and was opened with prayer

Article II. Calling of the Roll.

On the calling of the roll, the following persons appeared, and took their seats Rev. Thomas De Witt D.D. Isaac D. Cole, Maurice W. Dwight, Herman Vedder Edwin Holmes, Richard Sluyter, James Murphy, Richard D. Van Kleeck, Joshua Boyd, Henry Mandeville, Brogan Hoff, Ferdinand H. Vandeweer Maurice S. Hutton, Benjn C. Taylor, William S. Heyer John H. Pitcher, A. B. Chittenden, Robert P. Lee James Romeyn, John S. Liddell. The Rev. Isaac S. Demund, and John E. Miller took their seats on the second day

of the session.

Article III: Election of Officers

In the absence of the Rev. Dr. Brodhead the President of the Board, the Rev. Herman Vedder was chosen Prest. p.t., and the Rev. Edwin Holmes was appointed temporary Clerk.

Article IV. Reading of minutes

The minutes of the last meeting of the Board were read

Article V. Standing Committees

On the reception of Students into the Seminary. Rev. Benj. C. Taylor, Thomas De Witt, Maurice W. Dwight, and Marcius S. Hutton together with the Professors.

On the Professoral Reports. Rev. William S. Heyer, James Romeyn, and Richard Sluyter.

On the Synodical Report. Rev. Thomas De Witt, Isaac D. Cole, and John E. Miller.

Article VI. Communications.

The following communications were received from the Professors Milledoler, Cannon, and McClelland, and were read and referred to the Committee on Professoral Reports

From Dr. Milledoler.

The undersigned reports to the Board of Superintendants of the Theological College that the number of Students now in the institution now is twenty seven viz Senior Class Philip M. Brett, Robert C. Clark, Orlando Harriman John A. Van Doren, Cornelius Wyckoff 5. Middle Class John H. Ackerson, John B. Crawford, Anthony Elmendorf John E. Johnson, William S. Moore, Daniel M. L. Quackenbush

John J. Luck 7. Junior Class. John B. Alliger, Jacob Bookstaver, David D. Demarest Ephraim Depuy, John L. Janeway, William R. Janeway, Robert Pitts, Martin L. Schenck, George Schenck, John A. Staats, William H. Steele, Isaac C. Stryker, Robert Van Arsdalen, William J. Van Doren, John Wilbeck 15 — William Wright and Edward D. Johnson have recently, and at their own request been dismissed from the institution. John B. Crawford on account of ill health has been recently permitted to retire for the remainder of the session — The Undersigned is happy to state that the deportment of the students during the first year, so far as is known to him has been generally exemplary, and such as became young men looking forward to the Gospel ministry. All which is respectfully submitted

Philip Milledoler

New Brunswick July 10. 1838

From Dr Cannon

The undersigned begs leave to report to the board of superintendants of the Theological School now assembled

1st That he has through the year past instructed the classes now to be examined, in the branches assigned to him, and found them regular in their attendance on lectures, and anxious to make proficiency. Mr Luck of the middle class has been slower in his progress than those of his own class. This defect may be ascribed to the weakness of his eyes, and his memory. Of his present attainments however, the Board will on the present occasion be enabled to form a judgement

2 That the young gentlemen in the school have given evidences of piety, and consecration, which is to endear

them to their teachers, and to promise thus far promise of usefulness in the Gospel ministry

All which is respectfully submitted

Jas S. Cannon

New Brunswick
Theological College
July 11. 1888

From Dr. McClelland.

N. Brunswick July 1888

Gentlemen Nothing has occurred in my department worthy of special notice during the past year. The deportment of the students is dignified, and exemplary, and most of them are studious. Some of them observe great ardour in the pursuit of knowledge, while there are a few who seem content to wait for it, if peradventure it will come to them. I do not suppose however that we have a larger proportion of indolent young men than other seminaries. One thing is to be exceedingly lamented, the entire unpreparedness of many of them for commencing a course of Theology in consequence of their want of elementary Christian knowledge. This was especially the case with the last class, many of whom as you know had become serious but a few weeks before. But the evil is general. I do not in the least exaggerate that there are individuals among us who cannot repeat the ten Commandments. As to the Creed, or catechism I doubt whether they have ever seen them except by accident. I could give you facts on this subject which would expose me to the suspicion of being somewhat addicted to romance, had I not the evidence at hand. This is not the fault of the young men, but the dismal consequence of the want of early religious education

and should in my humble judgement be met by an elementary course of doctrinal instruction during the Junior year; based either on the confession of Faith, or the Heidelberg Catechism. In this way general ideas would be acquired which would materially assist their progress in every branch of study, especially that of the exposition of the scriptures, and prepare them for the systematic course of the middle, and Senior years

Yours with respect
Alex. McClelland

P.S. Messrs. W. Jameway, and Crawford have been forced to leave the institution by ill health. Mr Wyckoff who was reported last year as unfitted for duty by the same cause has given full attendance since September last.

Article VII. Examinations

The examination of the Senior, and middle classes was commenced at half past 2 o'clock on the first day of the session under the direction of Professor Milledoler on the subject of Didactic, and Polemic Theology, and was continued during the session of that afternoon, and through the morning session of the second day till half past 10.

The examination of the Senior, and middle classes was entered upon at half past 11 A.M. of the second day of the session under the direction of Professor Cannon on the subjects of ecclesiastical history, church government, pastoral Theology, and the sacraments, and was continued through the morning and till half past 4 o'clock of the afternoon session

The examination of the Senior, middle, and Junior classes was entered upon at half past 4 P.M. of the second day of the session under the direction of Professor McClelland on the several subjects connected with his department, and was continued through the remainder of the afternoon session, and from 9 o'clock

to half past 11 of the morning of the third day of the session.
The Junior Class was examined by Professor Cannon from eight to nine o'clock of the morning of the third day of the session on the subject of Pastoral Theology

The examination of the classes in the several branches having been completed, the members of the Senior Class were questioned in relation to experimental religion, and their views in entering the ministry. Whereupon it was

Resolved that the examination be sustained, and that the Senior Class be recommended for professoral certificates.

Article VIII. Reports of Committees.

The committee appointed by the Board at its last meeting for the reception of students into the Seminary reported. Their report was adopted, and is as follows:

The Committee appointed by the Board of Superintendants to receive, in connection with the professors, students into the Theological Seminary. The chairman the Rev. J. Brodhead D.D being absent, the Rev. Benj. C. Taylor was appointed Chairman, and Rev. M. S. Hutton Secretary. The meeting was opened with prayer by the Chairman. The following young gentlemen made application to be received as students in the Theological Seminary VIZ John B. Hilger, Jacob Bookstaver, David D. Demarest, Ephraim Depuy, John L. Janeway, William R. Janeway, Robert Pitts, George Schenck, Martin L. Schenck, John A. Staats, William H. Steele, Isaac P. Stryker, Robert Van Amburgh, William T. Van Doren, John Wilbeck, William Wright. 16 — Satisfactory testimonials having been presented on their part of their having completed

a collegiate education, and of their being members in regular, and good standing of Churches in our connection with the exception of Messrs Steele, and Demarest, the Committee proceeded to an examination of the personal piety of the young men, and of their views in seeking preparation for the gospel ministry, which being sustained, it was on motion Resolved that they be received as members of the Theological Seminary, with the understanding that Messrs Steele, and Demarest are to furnish certificates of their actual reception into the Communion of the Reformed Dutch Church —— Mr William Wright having presented testimonials of his having pursued a course of Theological study for the space of three years in the Seminary at Glasgow, and expressing a desire to be admitted into the Senior Class, the Committee referred his case to the Professors to decide as to the best course for him to pursue in the plan of study —— Mr Wyckoff whose case was referred to the Committee by the board of Superintendants appeared before the committee, and after the examination of his case, it was referred to the Professors to assign him his proper station in the classes

Respectfully submitted
Benjamin C. Taylor Chr

New Brunswick
Septr 20. 1837.

The Committee on Professors Reports presented their report, which was amended, adopted and is as follows The Committee to whom were referred the communications from the Professors beg leave to report

Your Committee are happy to learn that the general

deportment of the Students has been such as becoming Candidates for the Sacred office. There is one fact presented to view in the communication of Prof Millledoler that is worthy of the attention of the Board. It is that two Students have been dismissed from the institution during the past year. The committee waited upon Professor Milledoler to learn the reasons of this dismission. The Professor stated that Mr Wright finding that there was some doubt as to his obtaining a dispensation from General Synod had applied for a dismission, and that Mr Johnson had applied for a dismission in order to enter upon the study of the law.

It appears to your committee that as the power of the reception of Students is lodged in a committee of the Board jointly with the Professors, no Student should be regularly dismissed from the Seminary without an action of the Board on the subject. It is no doubt necessary that the Professors should have the right of giving leave of absence for sufficient cause during a portion of the Session. The committee have seen Mr. Lincoln (allusion to whom is made in the communication of Professor Cannon) and find from their conversation with him that the state of his health has been such for some time past that he has been obliged to intermit a portion of his attention to his studies ____ In reference to the communication of Dr. M'Clelland, your committee would recommend that as the present Junior Class will at the commencement of the next session come under the instruction of the Didactic Professor, no action

is deemed necessary in regard to them — Your Committee would recommend to the Board the adoption of the following Resolution. Resolved that a committee of this board be appointed to confer with the Committee appointed by the last General Synod, and suggest to them the propriety of endeavouring to obtain the services of Rev Dr Janeway in some appropriate department in the Theological School — The Committee further recommend that as the Synod have recommended to the Theological Professors to constitute themselves into a Theological faculty hereafter the annual communication should emanate from the Theological faculty, and not be the act of individual Professors

Respectfully submitted

William S. Heyer Chr

The Rev. Dr De Witt, the Rev B. C. Taylor, and Rev M. S. Hutton were appointed the committee of conference upon the part of Gen Synod

Synodical Report

The Committee on the Synodical Report presented the following which was accepted, and adopted

The Board of Superintendents of the Theological School respectfully report to the General Synod

The Board assembled at the appointed time July 11. 1838 at New Brunswick. Twenty two members were in attendance. Communications were received from the respective professors, all concurring in representing that the conduct of the students generally during the past year has been exemplary both as to their attention to their studies, and their religious character, and influence. The following were reported as constituting the different classes Senior class Philip M. Brett, Robert C. Clark

Orlando Harriman Jr. John A. Van Doren, Cornelius Wyck-
-off 5. Middle Class. John H. Ackerson, John B. Crawford
Anthony Ehmendorf, John E. Johnson, William S. Moore,
Daniel M. L. Quackenbush, John J. Quick 7. Junior Class
John B. Alliger, Jacob Bookstaver, David L. Demarest,
Ephraim Depuy, John L. Janeway, William R. Janeway,
Robert Pitts, George Schenck, Martin L. Schenck
John A. Staats, William H. Steele, Isaac P. Stryker
Robert Van Amburgh, William J. Van Doren, John Wilbeck 15.
Edward L. Johnson, and William Wright received
certificates of admission, the former in order to commence
a course of the study of the law, and the latter in order
to connect himself with the Theological Seminary at
Princeton — The Board resolved that as in the
plan of the Theological School, the General Synod have
entrusted to them in connection with the Professors the
reception of students, it was proper that the power of
dismissing students should be considered as vested in
the same. The Board annually appoint a committee
out of their number in the vicinity of New Brunswick to
act in conjunction with the Professors in this matter. Although
it is deemed competent for the Professors to give leave of
temporary absence, it is requested that in all cases where
full dismissions are requested, the Committee of the Board
will be consulted. The Classes were examined in the
different branches of study by the Professors in their res-

-fective departments. The Board were gratified by the proofs exhibited of the fidelity, and success of the Professors in the discharge of their duties, and of the advancement of the students in preparation for the great work which they have in view. The Board can only reiterate the confidence which they have before from time to time expressed in the Professors to whom they have entrusted the charge of their theological school, and their unwavering conviction that, while it fully merits, it should call forth the co-operation of all the friends of our church in promoting its influence, and prosperity. This co-operation should be an active, and untiring one. While we believe that no institution furnishes better means for acquiring a sound, and accurate theological literature, we feel that our churches should be supplied from this fountain, when in early attachment to her order, and interests our young men shall go forth with the force of their early associations, and strengthened attachments. From year to year vacancies by death, and removal are occurring in our churches, new openings for the organization of churches of our denomination are found, while the cry from heathen lands is addressed to us "Come over, and help us." To meet these wants an increased number of licentiates from year to year is to be desired. The class which entered the Seminary last fall is more than usually large, arising in a great measure from the blessed effusion of the Spirit on our literary institution. May we not hope that the accessions to our school will not be in a diminishing, but an increasing ratio, and every year exhibit an onward progress.

To effect this the constant co-operation of all the friends of the Church in bringing to our Church all the sons of the Church within her bounds preparing for the Ministry, while we trust some from other sources may be attracted to her. The importance of our literary institution in furnishing students to our theological Seminary is exceedingly apparent. It has continually yielded a large proportion but at no time more so than in the last class. Fourteen out of the fifteen which constitute the class are graduates of Rutgers' College. In labouring for the prosperity of the College, we employ one of the surest, and most effectual means for the prosperity of the Theological Seminary and the welfare of the Church — The examination of the Students was unanimously sustained, and the members of the Senior class were recommended to the Professors for their certificates. This Board appointed a committee to confer with the committee appointed by the last General Synod, and suggest to them the propriety of endeavouring to obtain the services of the Rev. Dr Janeway in some appropriate department in the Theological School

Respectfully submitted

Thomas De Witt
Chairman

Article IV. Particularia.

The following resolution was adopted in relation to the times of meeting, and adjournment

Resolved that this board will hold its sessions from 1/2 past 9 A.M. to half past 12 P.M. and from half past 2 to half past 5 P.M.

Thursday evening the 12th inst. was appointed for hearing the sermons of the Senior class. The Board met on that evening, and heard the trial exercises of the five young men composing the Senior class.

The annual sermon was preached before the Board by the Rev. Isaac D. Cole on the evening of the first day of the session from I. Corinth. IV. 1, 2.

The following preamble, and resolution relating to the Theological Library were adopted

Whereas the library of valuable Theological works contained in a neat case purchased with the amount of a legacy of Mrs. Margaret Chinn deceased, and for several years having a separate place in the library has been removed therefrom, or the works scattered throughout the various cases of the general library of the institution; Therefore Resolved that a committee be appointed to enquire into this matter, and take measures to have the said library of Mrs. Chinn replaced in a separate case and superscribed with the name of the donor

The Rev. B. C. Taylor, T. De Witt, and M. S. Hutton were appointed said committee

The examination having been completed and the several classes called in, and informed by the

President that their examination was sustained, the annual address was delivered to them by the Rev Isaac S. Demund, and the young men were dismissed by the benediction by the President of the Board.

The Rev. Benjamin C. Taylor was appointed primarius, and the Rev. Richard D. Van Kleeck secundus to preach the annual sermon for the next year.

The Rev William S. Hoyer was appointed primarius and the Rev. M. W. Dwight secundus to deliver the annual address to the students next year.

The following resolution was adopted

Resolved that the clerk furnish to the Treasurer of General Synod a certified list of the members of the Board who have been in attendance at the present meeting, that they may be entitled to receive remuneration for the expenses of their attendance

Article X Resumption and close

The minutes were read, and approved

Article XI. Adjournment

Adjourned with prayer

Herman Vedder
Pres^t p. t

Edwin Holmes
Clerk p. t

A true copy from the original minutes

Thomas De Witt
Stated Clerk

Art. I

The Board of Superintendents of the Theological Seminary of the Ref. Dt. Church convened in Stated Session in the Theological Hall in the City of New Brunswick on the 11th day of July 1839 at 11 o'clock A.M. and was opened with prayer—

The Revd. Isaac N. Wyckoff D.D. was appointed President Pro Tem— And the Revd. Ransford Wells was appointed Clerk Pro Tem—

Art. II

Calling of the Roll

The roll was called and the following persons appeared and took their seats— Viz— Isaac Ferris D.D. Ransford Wells Wilhelmus Ellinwood D.D. Thomas M. Strong Jacob C. Sears William S. Heyer Isaac N. Wyckoff D.D. Isaac Van Olinda Alm. H. Myers Cornelius Boyardus Andrew N. Kittle Jeremiah Head John H. Dorier——

Art. III—

Election of Officers—

The following persons were elected as officers of the Board for the ensuing year— Viz— Isaac N. Wyckoff D.D. President Revd. Ransford Wells Tem. Clerk— and Mr. Jacob C. Sears Stated Clerk for three years, unless otherwise ordered by Genl. Synod—

Art. IV

Reading of Minutes

The minutes of the last meeting of the Board were read— A special committee was appointed consisting of Messrs. Kittle & Heyer to inform the Theological Faculty that the Board was ready to receive their report according to the resolution of the last Board—

Resolved— That a standing committee be appointed

which shall be called the Committee on Synodical Mon[illegible]

Art. I

Standing Committee

On the Professional Report [illegible] Rev. [illegible] and the Rev. A. H. Myers —

On Synodical Report — Rev. Messrs. Strong Kittle & Hayes

On Synodical Minutes Rev. Messrs. Elting [illegible] and Rivers

On [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

Art. II

Communication

The reports of the several Professors were received and referred to the Committee on the Professional Report and are as follows —

To the Rev. Board of Superintendents of the Theol. College of the Ref. Church the Prof. of Did. and Pol. Theol. offers the following Report —

That the whole number of Theological Students enrolled for the current year is 36 viz. Of the Senior Class John H. Ackerson John B. Crawford Anthony Elmendorf John E. Johnson William H. Hose John [illegible] and Daniel W. L. Quackenbush — Of the Middle Class — John B. Alleger Jacob Bockstaven David [illegible] Ephraim De Puy John L. Janeway William R. Janeway Robert Pitts Martin L. Schenck Isaac P. Stryker William H. Steele John C. Staats George Schenck William H. Van Doren Robert Van Ambaugh John Whitbeck John H. Sheffield — Of the Junior Class — [illegible] A. H. Cornell John [illegible] Will Francis [illegible] Gardiner Johnes Joseph [illegible] Gilbert [illegible] Myers Peter G. Nendall [illegible] Rejerson William E. Turner William J. Thompson John Watson Samuel H. Woodbridge —

Of these 33 have prosecuted their studies to the

present time — Mr Wm [illegible] Ramsay on account of ill health has been obliged to make a voyage to Europe and for the same reason has not attended the Seminary since his return — Mr Jos. De Witt of the Junior Class has also retired with the prospect of returning in Sept. next —

Mr James Ryerson of the Junior Class has been compelled to retire through nervous affections induced by application to study — The expectation of Mr Ryerson's return is very questionable. The general department of the students during the past year, so far as is known to me, has been exemplary. Their proficiency will be tested by examination —

Philip Milledoler
New Brunswick July 10th 1839

From Dr Cannon —

The undersigned begs leave to report to the Board of Superintendents of the Theological

1 That until he was assisted by severe bodily indisposition on the 6th of March last he continued to instruct the Classes in the branches assigned to his department: that his illness created an interruption in his course of 3 months and of course prevented the Classes from reading as much, and advancing as far as they otherwise would have done —

2 That the Students in the various Classes have during the year past exhibited so far as the undersigned knows pleasing evidences of piety & proficiency —

Jas. Cannon
Rutgers College July 10th 1839

From Dr McClelland —

Gentlemen — supposing that agreeably to a resolution passed by your Ed Body last year you would not call for a special report from Each Professor I have not prepared one — I will only say that the young Gentlemen have conducted themselves as far as I know with Christian propriety & in general have attended diligently to the studies of my department —

Your with respect
Alex McClelland

New Brunswick
July 11th 1839 —

Art VII

Examination,

Resolved that the examination of each Professor be restricted to three hours —

Resolved — That the following shall be the time in which the Board shall hold its Sessions Viz. from 5 to 7 & from 8 to 1 A.M. — from 2½ to 5½ & from 7½ to 10 P.M. —

Resolved that the Professors & students be informed that the Board will be ready to attend to the examinations this afternoon at 2½ —

Resolved that the members of the Middle & Junior Classes be requested to lay their Sermons on the table at the opening of the Session this afternoon —

2½ P.M. The examination of the Middle & Junior Classes commenced under Professor Mitchell on the subject of Didactic and Polemic Theology, and was continued until 5½

The Annual Sermon was preached before the Board by Rev. Benjamin Stayton on the evening of the first day of this Session from Deut. 8th Chap. 2 v.

The Board met the second day of the Session at 5 A.M. and proceeded to an examination of the Senior Class on Experimental religion; on their views for entering the ministry specimens of Sermonizing were heard from the following young Gentlemen members of the Senior Class, Mr. John S. Crawford, William S. Moore, Daniel M. L. Quickenbush, John C. Johnson, John L. Quick, Anthony Elmendorf, John H. McKeeson —

8 A.M. The Board met, and Dr. Cannon commenced his examination his Sermon of the Classes on the various branches in his Department, and continued until 11 A.M. when he gave place to Dr. McClelland, who occupied the attention of the Board until the hour of recess —

2½ The examination was resumed by Dr. Cannon on the subjects of Pastoral Theology and the Sacraments, who completed his entire course at 3 P.M. when Dr. McClelland entered upon the examination of the Greek & Hebrew languages and Biblical Literature, and continued until 4 Oct. when the examination was arrested —

Resolved — That the examination of Mr. Anthony Elmendorf, John B. Craigfield, Daniel H. L. Peach, Bush, John E. Johnson, John L. Pick, William S. Moore and John H. Johnson — members of the Senior Class be sustained, and that they be recommended to the Professors for the usual Professional Certificates, & entitle them to an examination by their respective Classes —

Resolved — That the Stated Clerk furnish the Professors with a copy of the above resolution —

Art VIII.

Reports of Committees

The Committee on the Professional Reports presented their report which was amended adopted, and is as follows —

The Committee on the Reports of the Professors beg leave to submit the following report —

The Committee have examined the Reports put into their hands & would call attention to a few things which alone seem to require a notice —

Mr Wm R. Janeway not having not having attended the exercises of the last Session could not of course be expected to be present at this examination and at the same time it is evidently proper that he should join the next Middle Class should his health permit his return to the Seminary — The Report of the Didactic Professor also notices the absence of Mr John DeWitt, but does not state at what time such leave of absence for his health was given & therefore the Committee are at a loss as to his case — But from information from one of the Committee they would recommend that Mr DeWitt on his return join the new Junior Class — It is also recommended that the Committee on the admission of Students inquire particularly into the case of Mr Jas Ryerson should he return to the Seminary & have power to act definitely in the same —

It is to be regretted that the Professors have not reported as a Faculty — it is recommended that the Stated Clerk of this Board give them official notice of the arrangement

adopted in reference to this subject at the last session of the Board — And it is further recommended that such report embrace an account of the recitations of each Class to each professor, with a notice of any Lectures given on particular subjects by any of the Professors — 343

In reference to the preaching of the Students the Committee recommend that the President read the rule adopted on this subject to the assembled Classes accompanying the same with remarks explanatory of the views of the Board. The committee further recommend that the Theological Faculty report annually whatever infringements of this rule may occur, and the Stated Clerk give them notice of this recommendation —

Also that the Students be very careful not to originate or hold meetings for exhortation or for prayer in the bounds of any Congregation without the knowledge & concurrence of the Minister of said Congregation —

July 12th 1839 Isaac Ferris Chair —

The Committee appointed by the Board at a last meeting for the reception of Students into the Theological Seminary — Reported which was adopted and is as follows

The Committee appointed by the Board of Superintendants to attend with the Professors to the admission of Students to the Theological course met in the College Chapel — Present

Revd. B. C. Taylor Chairman —

Revd. Thos. De Witt D.D. —

Revd. M. S. Hutton —

The meeting was opened with prayer by the Chairman — The following young Gentlemen made application to be received into the Theological College, and presented the requisite testimonials — William E. Turner — Alexander Millspaugh Joseph Eniskern

Gilbert M. P. Myers, Francis T. Drake, John Dewitt, Samuel M. Wood Bridge, James A. H. Cornell, Peter G. Bandal, Gardiner Jones, William T. Thompson, John Watson, John Sheffield —

The Committee then proceeded to examine the applicants as to their personal piety & views in seeking the Gospel Ministry; which examination having been sustained — It was —

On Motion Resolved that they be admitted to the privileges of the Theological College —

On Motion Resolved, that in as much as Mr John Sheffield desires to be admitted to the Middle Class in virtue of his having pursued the study of Theology at the Seminary at South Hanover Indiana he be required to hand to the Professors a certificate to that effect, and that his case be committed to them to assign him his place in the College —

The subject of the Chin Library having been submitted to this Committee, It was after consultation with the Professors On Motion Resolved that the Faculty of the Theological College be [illegible] to have the Books given by Mrs. Margaret Collected together and replaced in a distinct Case in the Library Room with a suitable inscription —

Resolved — that the Clerk afford a copy of this resolution to the Professors —

Closed with prayer by Dr. De Witt

N. Brunswick
Sept. 25. 1838 —

Adjourned

Rev. B. C. Taylor Ch.
M. S. Hutton Clerk

The Committee appointed to draft a report to Synod presented the following — which was adopted —

The Board of Superintendents would respectfully report to the Genl. Synod that they met at New Brunswick on the 11th day of July 1839 — After the organization of the Board reports were received from the several Professors, from which

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it appeared that the whole number of students in the year was 36 viz - Of the Senior Class - John [illegible] Anderson - John B. Crawford - Anthony Elmendorf - John C. Johnson - Wm [illegible] Moore - John [illegible] - D[illegible] M[illegible] Lewis [illegible] John B. Alliger - Middle Class - John B. Alliger - Jacob Beckstein - [illegible] D. Demarest - Ephraim De Pey - John L. Janeway - Wm R. Janeway - Robert Pitts - Martin L. Schenck - Isaac Stryker - William H. Steele - George Schenck - William J. Van Doren - Robert Van Amburgh - John Wiltbeck - John H. Sheffield - Of the Junior Class - James A. H. Cornell - John De Witt - Francis T. Drake - Gardiner Jones - Joseph [illegible] - Alexander C. Mitchell - Gilbert M. P. Myers - Peter G. Randal - James Ryerson, William C. Turner, William J. Thompson, John Watson - Samuel M. Woodbridge - Of these 33 have prosecuted their studies until the present time - Mr Wm R. Janeway on account of ill health has been obliged to make a voyage to Europe: and for the same reason, has not attended the Seminary since his return - Mr James Ryerson [illegible] of the Junior Class has been compelled to retire through indisposition induced by application to study - The expediency of his return is very questionable - Mr John De Witt of the Junior Class has also retired with the prospect of returning at the commencement of the next session - From the reports of the Professors we were happy to find that the deportment of the students during the year had been exemplary & their attention to the various branches of study commendable - In consequence of the severe indisposition with which Professor Cannon has been [illegible] during the current year, there was an intermission in the course of instruction, in the several branches in his department of three months - While the Board deeply sympathize with this valuable Professor in the varied & deep afflictions through which in the providence of the Lord he has been called to pass; we would express our gratitude to the Great Head of the Church, that he has been pleased to restore him to health & to the active duties of his professorship

The Classes were examined before the Board by the professors, upon the several branches of study pursued in their respective departments — The Board were gratified to find that the Students had made good improvement of the favourable opportunities which are afforded them by the [illegible] course of instruction, which is now so ably conducted in our Theological School — The examination was highly satisfactory — The members of the Senior Class in addition to an examination upon the subjects of study, were particularly questioned in relation to personal piety and their views & motives on desiring to enter the gospel ministry — Having given to the Board ample satisfaction on all the subjects on which they were examined it was Resolved that their examination be sustained, and that they be recommended to the professors for the usual professional certificate to entitle them to an examination before their respective Classes —

The Synod will no doubt unite with the Board in sentiments of gratitude to the great Head of the Church for his continued favour which he has pleased to bestow upon our school of the Prophets — The number of its Students is gradually increasing & the prospect thus becoming, early the more flattering; that the Church will realize her highest hopes in regard to our institution so dear to her affections & so vital to her best interests — It has already sent forth from its walls many whom the Lord has eminently blessed in building up the waste places of Zion in gathering souls into the kingdom of Christ, & in carrying the gospel of the grace of God to the benighted heathen — But when we remember, how much land remains yet to be possessed; how many openings in providence of a most favourable character for the enlargement of our Church are presented; & how loud & how affecting the Calls from the distant & perishing heathen, for the Messengers of Christ to break to them the bread of life; we are urged to renewed diligence & prayer for the

for the prosperity of this seminary of sound science, [illegible] to commence [illegible] to the confidence of the untiring efforts of the members of our church this fountain of sacred learning. All which is respectfully submitted. J. M. Strong Chr.

The committee on Synodical minutes reported & their report was adopted & is as follows. The com.ee on mis. of G. S. beg leave to report that as no authenticated copy of said minutes, has been received, in consequence of which no regular report can be presented to the board at this session. W. Elting Chairman.

Art. IX. Particularia.

The examination having been completed, the annual closes were assembled & informed by the president that their examination has been sustained. — The annual address was delivered by the Rev. W. S. Heyer, followed by an exhortation from the president of the board, with a particular view of enforcing on their minds the observance of the resolutions of former years, disapproving the practice of the students' preaching & lecturing publicly. —

Resolved. That in view of the important statistical facts contained in the annual sermon before the board by the Rev. B. C. Taylor — he be respectfully requested to have the same published. —

Resolved. That the Rev. D. Van Olinda be the primarius & Rev. R. Wells secundus, to deliver the next annual sermon before the board. —

Resolved. That the Rev. W. Elting be primarius & Rev. C. Bogardus secundus to deliver the next annual address to the students.

Whereas. Mr. Francis T. Drake, a member of the senior class has not been present at the examination. Resolved, that it be referred to the committee on the admission of students to inquire into the reasons of his absence & of they find the same sufficient, he be allowed to go on in his class. —

Resolved. That the Gen. Synod, be requested to pass an order, that the treasurer pay the incidental expenses of the board of superintendents.

Resolved. That the Gen. Synod at its adjourned meeting be respectfully requested to restore the mode of electing this board to the plan of 1837. —

A certified list of the members of the board who were in attendance at this meeting of the board, was furnished to the treasurer of G. Synod, who might be entitled to receive remuneration for the expenses of their attendance. —

The bill of the janitor was rec.d & a request sent up to the treasurer to pay viz. — for stationary & attendance. $2.00. Jonas. —

Art. X. Resumption & Close.

The minutes were read & approved.

Art. XI. Adjournment.

Closed with prayer & adjourned to meet on the second Wednesday of July 1840. at the Colley Hall

J. A. Wyckoff D.D. Pres.t
R. Wells. Clerk. pt.

A true copy.
J. C. Fears. States Clerk

Mr. Thomas E. Hyde – Geo. Bol – be the [illegible] time as he [illegible] requires, and [illegible] use of [illegible] taking the proceedings [illegible]

6 Commissioners consulted for [illegible] purposes to [illegible] Report for [illegible] and [illegible] proceedings [illegible] [illegible] and [illegible] [illegible] applications be made to the Trustees [illegible]

Mem. of the grammar school to take [illegible] at a time [illegible]

No. books to be taken from the [illegible] without [illegible] of registers [illegible] every person returning a book to its place, to [illegible] the [illegible] on the room –

If any book be lost the person to whom it is charged shall procure a new copy, or if it be [illegible] a new set shall be provided the taking the worn set as his own property –

11 If any books be torn, or otherwise injured, it shall be the duty of the Librarian at his discretion either to apply the damages sustained in the person to procure a new copy, or taking the injured copy as his own property –

12 No books to be lent out from [illegible] except with the permission of the Board –

13 They have resolved that the President of the Board be appointed for the purpose of the [illegible] and [illegible] the [illegible] at the commencement and termination of each session –

14 – [illegible] resolved that in [illegible] the [illegible] be [illegible] in the Institution [illegible] Malpas [illegible] the [illegible] of the Board [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] the practice of public [illegible] and [illegible] students. That the board highly disapprove [illegible] and that no student be allowed either to preach or lecture unless under the immediate inspection of the Professor or [illegible] P. 62

and further that while the Board do decidedly disapprove the practice of Theological Students in the [illegible] publicly & indiscriminately lecturing or preaching. Yet, they have no objections that students of the Senior Class should deliver public exhortations. New Brunswick [illegible] provided such exhortations be first [illegible] committed to writing and first [illegible] to and approved by at least one of the professors in the Institution. P. 119.

VI [illegible] every member of each successive Senior Class, at their final examination, shall deliver his sermon before this Board from memory.

VII That [illegible] Board have been in the regular practice of requiring each [illegible] the members of the 2nd & 3rd Classes [illegible] the annual examination to [illegible] a sermon on [illegible] [illegible]ction of the board.

VIII The Board have recommended that special attention be devoted by the students to the [illegible] sermonising & particularly to the [illegible] analysis of subjects and the delivery [illegible] sermons. M. P. 61

IX [illegible] They have adopted [illegible] the [illegible] regulations of the Library [illegible] rules reported in a [illegible] for the [illegible] Professor Ludlow. [illegible]

1 The library shall be steadily opened every [illegible] day for 3/4 of an hour [illegible] after the [illegible]

2 Books taken from the Library to be kept [illegible] in [illegible] as follows

Folio. 5 Weeks
[illegible] 4 [illegible]
Octavo 3 [illegible]
D[illegible] 2 [illegible]

[illegible] books [illegible] books excepted [illegible] be taken [illegible] at one time but no [illegible]

11 [illegible]

Acts of the Board for the government of the Theological Seminary

as Reported by

The Rev. C. C. Taylor

These acts relate to the Professors & Students

As to the first

Resolved that the Professors be requested severally to report in writing to this board [illegible] the opening of their meeting in May annually the state of the School and an account of the [illegible] and attention of the students during the session of the School. Min. P. 82 –

As to the students

Resolved

I. In order to admission that in all future applications for admission into the School, [illegible] addition to the diploma or certificate of literary standing and certificate of church membership heretofore required applicants shall always be examined on the subject of their experimental acquaintance with religion, and that all such enquiries shall be made as to the character and qualifications generally of the candidates, as shall [illegible] the Board the best practicable manner to determine on the admission or Rejection. Min. P. 79

II To secure the regular attendance of Students – That in any case in which any student shall absent himself from the lectures of [illegible] of the Professors, such student shall offer a written excuse for every such delinquency – Min. P. 94 –

III To maintain discipline in the School – That whenever in consequence of any delinquency any student has been suspended from the School by the Professors, the case of such student be laid before the Board at its first session after such suspension, [illegible] as much as the Genl. Synod, have vested in [illegible] P. 79 –

IV To reserve a proper regard over beneficiaries – That it be hereafter a standing rule of this Board that all indigent students receiving aid from the funds, be directed to lay before the board an account of their expenditures for [illegible] to their receiving any additional appropriations – Min. P. 66.

We the underwritten Professors of Sacred Theology in the Reformed Dutch Church, by this our subscription, uprightly, and in good conscience before God declare that we heartily believe, and are persuaded that all the articles, and points of doctrine, contained in the confession, and Catechism of the Reformed Dutch Churches together with the explanation of some points of the said doctrine, made in the National Synod held at Dordrecht in the year 1619, do fully agree with the word of God. We promise therefore that we will diligently teach, and faithfully defend the aforesaid doctrine; and that we will not inculcate or write, either publicly, or privately, directly, or indirectly any thing against the same. Its also that we reject only all the errors which mistake against this doctrine, and particularly those which are condemned in the above mentioned Synod; but that we are disposed to refute the same; openly to oppose them, and to exert ourselves in keeping the church pure from such errors. Should it nevertheless hereafter happen, that any objections against the doctrine might arise in our minds, or we entertain different sentiments, we promise that we will not either publicly, or privately propose, teach or defend the same by preaching, or writing, untill we have first fully revealed such sentiments to the General Synod unto whom we are responsible - that our opinions may in the said General Synod receive a thorough examination, being ready always cheerfully to submit to the judgement of the General Synod under the penalty in case of refusal to be censured by said Synod. And whenever the the General Synod upon sufficient grounds of suspicion, and to preserve the uniformity and purity of doctrines may deem it proper to demand from us a more particular explanation of our sentiments respecting any article of the aforesaid confession, catechism, or explanation of the National Synod

we promise to be always willing, or ready to comply with such de-
-mand under the penalty before mentioned; reserving to ourselves the
right of rehearing, or a new trial if we shall deceive ourselves ag-
-grieved in the sentence of the Genl Synod; during the dependance
of which new trial we promise to acquiesce in the judgement already
passed, as well as finally to submit without disturbing the peace of
the churches to the ultimate decision of the [illegible] General Synod.

September 3. 1823 — — John DeWitt

May 24th 1825. Philip Milledoler

November 9th 1825. S. S. Woodhull

Jas S. Cannon

September 26. 1832. Alex. McClelland

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